March 7, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Wolf Point, Montana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Party, USA
One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. "American Opinion" is a brochure written by Robert Welch.

TRUE COPY

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wolf Point - Montana.

J. Edgar Hoover -
Washington - D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please do answer my question by return mail! to me it is most important.

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What is the John Birch Society? address: The Bookmailer - Box 101 - Murry Hill Station - New York 16 - New York -

or American Opinion -
Belmont 78 -
Massachusetts - N. Y. -

Is it a Communist Society?
Here they have many followers who believe in the Society - as for me I am not sure - So please answer my question

/s/ [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Wolf Point - Montana.

J. Edgar Hoover -

Washington - D.C.

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March 7, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Communications Department
General Board of
Christian Social Concerns of
The Methodist Church
The Methodist Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington 2, D. C.

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 28, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (6)

How To Beat Communism	3-part Series - Christianity Today
What You Can Do To Fight Communism	Expose of Soviet Espionage
Director's speech 10/18/60	Communist Target - Youth

NOTE: Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, has been highly critical of the Eisenhower Administration in his writings, and all field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of this group since Welch at time indicated that he thought organizing a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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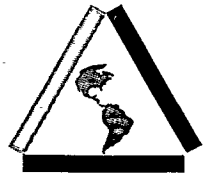

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February 28, 1961

Information office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We have been receiving numerous letters requesting information on the John Birch Society, Inc., which has its headquarters in Belmont, Mass. Its purpose is apparently to speak out against communist influences in our country.

We have contacted the society and received information from them. But our questioners want further information concerning the evaluation of this organization. We thought that the FBI might have information and evaluations on the John Birch Society.

Can you help us on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Newington, Virginia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked February 28, 1961, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

In response to your question regarding the decisions of the Supreme Court, it is suggested that you correspond with the Reporter of Decisions, The Supreme Court of the United States, 1 First Street, Northeast, Washington 25, D. C. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Series from "Christianity Today"

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Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C 3-7-61

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Spelling of last name verified in phone directory.

The Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society; however, we are watching its activities to see if it may become infiltrated. Its founder, Robert Welch, has been most critical of the Eisenhower administrations in his writings.

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Newington, Virginia
Feb. 24, 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover

Sir: I would like some help in a problem about which I, as an American citizen, am greatly confused and worried. My neighbor is a member and staunch follower of the John Birch Society. I firmly believe the Society's premise that Communism is a serious threat and would like to join a group dedicated to fighting communism at every angle-however I can not help but doubt a group which condemns & criticizes every leader & institution of our American Government. I believe that underming the American people's faith in their government is aiding & abetting the Communist cause. My neighbor assures me that only by fighting (through letters etc) these elements which the John Birch Society declares (with what appears to be documented proof) to be subversive can we drive Communists from our Government.

Their current project is to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren. They believe there is sufficient evidence to prove that the Warren Court has decided in favor of the communist conspiracy at every opportunity. I have read their literature on this matter. Where can I obtain a more complete record of Supreme Court decisions?

Can you help me with any information concerning the ideals, plans & good faith of the John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch?

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Thank you

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Thank you

Mr [redacted]

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EX 102

March 6, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 25, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (4)
Series from Christianity Today,
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth

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February 25, 1961

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Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please advise me. I have been asked to join a 'John Birch Group', and they claim that they are 100% against Communism. I'm against this too but after reading your ~~Bkk~~ book, 'Master's of Deceit,' I no longer know if a person dare get involved in any group activity. They all appear to be under suspicion.

This group says that it has been cleared by the Attorney General's office and also the F.B.I.. They mentioned something about the blue book (this I didnot understand too well.)

Could you please tell me what the opinion of the John Birch Group is in the eyes of the F.B.I.?

I want to help, if there is a way to help our country to fight Communism or any other force that might endanger our free way of life. I just don't want to make a mistake. Please advise.

Sincerely,

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Mrs.
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March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 23, 1961, and I appreciate your kind comments concerning the work of this Bureau.

With respect to your inquiry, while I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

In view of your interest with regard to the communist menace, I am enclosing several items on communism which are available for general distribution by the FBI and which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
17th National Convention CPUSA & March, 1960, LEB Introduction
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record concerning the correspondent.

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Amarillo, Tex.
Feb. 23, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover -

Dear sir -

Recently my husband and I joined an organization known as the John Birch Society. We personally feel this group is anti-Communist as they say they are. However, there are those of opposite feeling. Would it be presumptious to ask for your opinion as to the merit of the society?

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May I say also a very firm and heartfelt "thank you" for the very fine work carried out by your organization - May God bless you and help you in this work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

62-104401-731

March 3, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
San Antonio, Texas

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Dear Mrs. Harper:

I have received your letter of February 22 and in response to your request I am enclosing a copy of my report, "Communist Target--Youth," together with other material regarding the general subject of communism which you may find of value. There is no charge.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the FBI had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any recommendation concerning it.

Regarding your other inquiry, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Feb. 22 -

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Please send me any information you might have on communism in the churches, and on The San Francisco Student Riots of May 1960. I will remit the cost of printing, postage, etc.

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Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

P S. Can you also give me any recent information on the agitators at the U. of Texas - are they still planning a repeat of The San Francisco Riots for next fall - if so what can our young group do to prevent it. We had thought of working with the Austin Freedom group, showing the film, "Operation Abolition" to the student body & then going to our respective sororities with our documentations to warn them of the planned riot next fall. I'd like your views on this and any suggestions as to how we should go about it.

Also - what is your opinion on the John Birch Society? Do you feel it is a good way for us to help in combating communism?

Many thanks for your time and information!

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Many thanks for your time and information!

7 DIRECTOR
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EX-114

March 7, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Shreveport 82, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I do appreciate the expressions of confidence in the activities of the FBI in your letter of February 27. You can be sure my associates and I will continue to devote all our energies to maintaining the standards of performance in this Bureau on which the American people depend.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may find of value.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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February 27, 1961

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is my sincerest hope that history will accord you the very highest niche on the scale of Americanism. It must be rather discouraging to feel that you are carrying on the good fight alone. Scores of conservative thinking Americans such as myself are waking up to the Communist menace, and are informing their senators and Representatives that we expect positive action in closing the gaps created in our laws that fight Communism. As a new member of the John Birch Society I wish to thank you for one of your works "Communist Target: Youth". This report and others like it are invaluable in concentrating our efforts toward fighting back, and not to slow surrender.

In closing I will say it is my fondest dream that within two years perhaps the shackles imposed within the last nine years will fall away.

Yours for America,

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EX-104
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March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

Corona del Mar, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 1, 1961. I understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I would like to point out, however, my strong belief that full knowledge of the true nature of communism is vital if we are to effectively resist its influence. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. Education is of strategic importance in the struggle raging between this evil conspiracy and the free world. When fully cognizant of the aims and objectives of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to combat this menace with the weapon it fears most--truth.

I am enclosing material on the general subject which you may find of interest. Some of this literature contains suggestions as to methods of fighting communism. Additional copies of any of these items can be sent to you in reasonable quantities on request and at no cost.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
17th National Convention, CP USA
American Legion Speech
Communist Target--Youth
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2. [redacted]
3. Corona del Mar, California
February 24, 1961

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter because of my growing concern about the increasing popularity of the John Birch Society, as directed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. Inasmuch as your name and the Department of Justice is being tossed around (along with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Jesus Christ) in the interests of this society, I would like to know how best to combat such an organization.

I should state that of course I am against Communism, and have the same query as many of my friends: "What is the best way to combat Communism -- besides reading authoritative books, being informed about local officials, school personnel, etc.?"

It seems very clear to most of us locally in our forties and fifties that a society such as "John Birch" has many evils, not the least of which is the attempt to destroy our confidence in Kennedy and Johnson, Nixon and Lodge alike, the advocation of impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, the abolition of the United Nations, and the elimination of a democratic form of government. But the fact remains that this society is being contributed to and fostered by a large number of young married couples in their twenties -- well-to-do, probably very sincere, and pseudo-intellectual. This is a source of great worry to those of us who recognize Robert Welch not as a guiding light but as possibly 1) a Communist, or 2) a Fascist, or 3) a possible candidate for another party, or 4) at least a crackpot. Whatever he may be, he is gaining a goodly number of ardent supporters who are dedicated and who are pouring money into his till, and in return are happy to take his advice. As he says in his two-hour lecture film, the goal is a million people, each with a $1000 life membership.

I feel sure that your Bureau is well aware of all this, but do you have some ammunition with which the average citizen can combat it? It is very painful to watch, especially when the current violently anti-Communistic feeling is something we all earnestly want. To use sincere people honestly interested in fighting Communism for this purpose is a terrible waste. But if one offers an argument, one is looked upon as a poor, misguided soul -- or as a pro-Communist.

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I am appealing to you because - so far - your word is greatly respected. Unfortunately, you are often quoted only in part, and your warning against vigilante action is ignored.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Vital Statistics: Wife of [redacted] for Pacific Telephone Company - cleared by FBI because of nature of work. Mother of [redacted] - 1933.

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62-104401-734

March 8, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Jennings, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Jennings, La.
February 27th, 1961.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please give me any information that you can about the John Birch Society, Inc, Belmont 78, Mass?

A Chapter has been formed here recently and I have been approached with an invitation to join. I understand that it is Anti-Communist which is good, but is it recognized by your Department as a bona fide organization? All good Americans want to stop Communism and I too want to do what I can, but can my small dues do more good in some other way that by joining this group? Your comments will be appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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2. P. O. Box [redacted]
3. Jennings, La.

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62-109060-735

March 8, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of service to you, the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. From this I hope that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your understandable concern with regard to the communist menace, I am enclosing several items which set forth my views and may be of interest to you.

Thank you for your kind comments concerning the work of the FBI, and I trust that we will continue to merit your support and approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent. The John Birch Society was established by Robert Welch of Boston, Massachusetts and has been engaged in anticommunist activities. The Bureau has conducted an inquiry concerning it.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First you must know that I have been among the group of Americans you so aptly describe as "apathetic". I have always been conscious there were communists in America but have always been indifferent to their activities. Recently and only recently some friends of mine of whom I'm extremely fond handed me some literature to read. Among the various articles are your own "Communist Target - Youth" and a reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960, with your attached "Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA".

The knowledge garnered from these articles has infuriated me for being so indifferent to the danger and to the point where I must fight this insidious disease with all the abilities God has given me. It is along these lines I seek your counsel, not as the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation but as an authority on communism and as a loyal American.

The "various articles" other than yours, mentioned in paragraph one, were written by such men as Dr. Fred Schwarz, Kenneth Goff, Tom Hutton and Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. It is about the latter I inquire. I have read their "Blue Book" with which you are no doubt familar. I was impressed by many good points therein and confused by some of its' philosophy. I have not joined nor will not join until I can ascertain whether or not the John Birch Society is considered to be subversive. This seems to be the only cohesive force in this area dedicated to fighting communism but if you believe they are too far to the right then I will appreciate your advice in channeling my efforts. 62-104401-735

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In closing I want to thank you for the excellent job you have done and are doing to make America a better place in which to live....to take time from your endless tasks to answer my request.

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[redacted] - Phoenix, Arizona

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(62-10441)~~ 62-104401 - (REG) DATE: 3/7/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY);

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

For the Bureau's information, this is to advise that a chapter of The John Birch Society has been formed at Chelan, Washington. The Seattle Office was so advised by Mrs. [redacted], Manson, Washington, who was seeking information regarding the character of the organization. Mrs. [redacted], of course, was informed of the confidential nature of our files. b6 b7C

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Mr. [redacted]
Ambrose Printing Company
164-166 Fourth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 3, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Department of Justice Bldg.
9th & Pennsylvania Avenues
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and would like to have your comments on this particular organization.

Our local group is very interested in whatever information you might give this request because of our high esteem for you and the office you hold.

Thanking you for any information you may give us in advance on the above, we remain

Yours sincerely,

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March 9, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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We do not have any literature available for distribution pertaining to the organizations you mentioned, nor do we maintain a list of material which we have available for distribution to the public. Data which we do disseminate to citizens is available without charge.

Enclosed is literature dealing with the general subject of communism, some of which contains suggestions as to what we Americans can do.

Sincerely yours,

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[redacted]
Compton, California
March 2, 1961

[redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1340 W. 6th Street
Los Angeles, California

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Gentlemen:

My wife and I recently [redacted] a local chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY whose headquarters are in Belmont, Massachusetts.

There has been some controversy in the newspapers, radio and television concerning this organization, and it has been labeled by some as subversive.

While we do not find any subversive activities within the organization, before becoming further involved in the work, we would like a letter from you advising whether or not this organization is objectional or listed in your files as subversive.

Mrs. [redacted] and I want to be on record with your agency that we are very anxious to do our part to expose and stop the communist menance, but at the same time expect your agency to advise us against the wrong group with which to associate ourselves.

May we hear from you?

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Very truly yours,

[redacted]

CC to Washington, D. C. Headquarters

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28th February
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Finally Mr. Hoover - as a wife and a mother I have but one concern in my heart the future of my children - of all children -

I know I can trust & believe any information you write or recommend -

Please answer my letter quickly -

Sincerely

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas

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Sincerely Mrs [redacted]

Wichita, Kansas

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REC 66 62-104431-740

March 1, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

Pasadena, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Pasadena, Calif.

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There is so much controversy on the John Birch Society lately in my town, I wonder if you could tell me if this organization is lawful & proper and clear with your office.

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Thank you,

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/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
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THE SANTA BARBARA JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INDICATES YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND APPROVE THE ACTIVITIES AND PURPOSES OF ROBERT WELCH AND HIS ORGANIZATION IMPERATIVE YOU STATE YOUR POSITION PLEASE REPLY COLLECT WIRE COPY OF THIS WIRE GIVEN TO SANTA BARBARA NEWS PRESS RESPECTFULLY

[redacted] SANTA BARBARA CALIF.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 3/7/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9458)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

On 2/21/61, Mr. [redacted] contacted the Greensboro, N. C. Resident Agency. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] advised that he was extremely interested in anti-Communist activities and that he had recently heard of the John Birch Society and understood that their purpose was to fight Communism in the U. S. However, he advised that prior to joining any such society he desired to ascertain if this organization was in any way subversive.

He stated he had written to the headquarters of the John Birch Society at Belmont, Mass., and received some publications from this organization. He stated that in these publications it listed some of the council members, among which that were well known was Mr. T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, former Director of Internal Revenue Service, and ADOLPH MENJOU, movie actor. These publications further indicated to him that this organization was organized at Indianapolis, Ind. in 1958, and that one Mr. ROBERT WELCH was the founder of this society.

He stated that if he could ascertain that this organization was not subversive and was actually dedicated to fighting Communism in the United States as reflected in its publications he would be interested in such a society at Salem, Va., where he resides.

Mr. [redacted] was advised that the jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. He was advised the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal government and as such does not issue clearances or non-clearances. b6 b7C

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Mr. [redacted] is described as:

White
Male
Born [redacted], Victoria, Va.
Height 5' 9"
Weight 145 pounds
Employment - [redacted] Steel's Service Warehouse, Roanoke, Va.
Military service - U. S. Navy, claims honorable discharge
NSN [redacted]
Residence - [redacted], Salem, Va.

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The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and Richmond in the event that a John Birch Society is organized at Salem, Virginia, and the above individual is a member or assists in organizing the John Birch Society in the city where he resides.

REC-72 — 104401-743

March 9, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
The National Life and
Accident Insurance Company
National Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 1, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Letter to Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate it very much if you would advise me as to the position of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to The John Birch Society. A number of my friends belong to this group and according to my understanding of its purpose, it seems to be a worthwhile organization; however, before joining such a group, I would like to be certain that it is not regarded as a subversive organization by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any information which you can furnish me as to the findings of your organization and your opinion regarding the value of this Society would be very greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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March 10, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

West Covina, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on March 6, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated. I want to thank you for your prayers and kind comments about the work of this Bureau.

I am enclosing some material about communism, and you will notice that several of these reprints give suggestions for combating this conspiracy. There is no charge for any literature this Bureau is privileged to distribute; therefore, the money you forwarded is being returned.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to the organization you mentioned, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the group about which you inquired.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (9)
Communist Party, USA
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Conv
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
The Communist Menace
Correspondent's enclosure

What You can Do to Fight Communism
Where do we Stand with Communism
How to Fight Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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West Covina, California.

February 28th 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

This letter has been on my mind for many weeks now and today I felt I must get it off to you.

I have no vital information to relay, no spies to expose, no suggestions or complaints. To the contrary in fact.

I am writing to say "thank you" Mr. Hoover for the many, many years of dedicated, untarnished, vigilant service you have given to our country and hense to my own family.

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You are one of the few men in public service that I can point out to my children [redacted] and say "follow his example"

Within the past three years I have finally awakened to the Communist threat facing our nation and Mr. Hoover I tell you unashamed I'm afraid! and I am a woman 38 years of age.

How can we fight something we cannot see nor get ahold of, how do we know a Communist when we see one when they lie to hide their true dedication? How do we stamp out this vicious thing that spreads into every activity, occupation, level of life we know like an unchecked cancer.

My hours are filled to the brim with Cub Scout P.T.A. Little League and Church work. I send magazines to India to fight the Communist Propaganda, we have prepared our extra food and water in case of an emergency, I have a first-aid card, we try to live our lives as an example to our youngsters of their American Heritage. My husband is a veteran of WW 2. and the Korean conflict but with all this the fear remains.

I take great personal comfort in the fact that you are still in control of the F.B.I. with your finger on the pulse of this insiduase danger. I know that the Lord will not put more on us than we are able to bear.

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I felt I wanted to tell you how very grateful our entire family is to you and I know there are millions more who share this feeling but have'nt the time to write.

Enclosed you will find $1.00 which I hope you will use to send me any information or publications you feel might aid me in seeing this thing called Communism alittle more clearly.

Before I close I would like to ask you one question.

An organization called the John Burke (Birch) group is becoming apparent in West Covina (our little city) dedicated to "Americanism,patriotism" etc, etc and sounded very good until they came out with the stateemant that they were against P.T.A. who they consider Communist inspired.

Do you know anything about this organization Mr. Hoover are they what they appear to be and just misinformed concerning P.T.A., or could it be that the P.T.A. has been infiltrated and needs to do alittle house cleaning also.

The above subject is of great concern to me and I would greatly appreciate any information you might have concerning this.

Once again may I express my sincere appreciation for all you have done for ALL AMERICANS in your position as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Many prayers have been said in this house for your safety, health and continued guidence from above.

Sincerely.

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West Covina, California.

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REC-46 EX-114 62-104401-745

March 9, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Lowville, New York

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. For this reason, I cannot recommend any organizations to you, and I hope you will not infer either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the group you mentioned.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
Communist Party, USA
Christianity Today Series
How to Fight Communism
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization. It has not been investigated by the Bureau, but we are watching its activities inasmuch as its founder, Robert Welch, indicated that it might be used to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the President to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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Lowville, N. Y.
Feb. 28, 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently become interested in what I believe to be an Anti- Communistic Organization.

If it actually is what it appears to be, it would seem that it should be whole heartedly supported.

However I would hate to sign an application only to find I had been mislead.

Can you give me the names of any bonafide Anti-Communistic Organizations now in operation?

At present I am especially interested in "The John Birch Society" Belmont 78, Mass. I understand it is headed by a Mr. Welch (former owner of Welch Candy Co.) in or from Washington, D. C.

Your kind attention to this matter will be appreciated.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ (Mrs.) [redacted]

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Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) [redacted] b6 b7C

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March 2, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Granger, Indiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 21, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am unable to offer any suggestions as to a ready source where you might obtain the information you are seeking, but I firmly believe that if the individual will thoroughly acquaint himself not only with the true aims of communism, but also with those ideals on which the Nation was founded, he will be able to wisely choose from among the many organizations those dedicated to preserving our hard-earned freedoms.

Enclosed is some material pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

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Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. See airtel to SAC, Indianapolis, 3-2-61. Enclosure was a copy of a sheet carrying a Jack Mabley article and extracts from "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society indicating the pros and cons of the Society.

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21 February 1961

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Granger, Indiana

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is currently a drive for membership to the John Birch Society going on in this area. Enclosed is a copy of a paper that is being used to promote the society.

Although one of my friends has approched the local FBI office about the society he has only received the answer that the FBI office is not an "educational office".

I am concerned over just what is the truth in this paper. This Jack Mabley has written his column in such a way that he would not have to present proof of the existance of the book that he refers to.

Could you shed any light on the subject? Perhaps you would rather have specific questions.

1. Who is telling the truth-Jack Mabley or Robert Welch?

2. If your office cannot assure me that the John Birch Society is anti-communist in nature- who can?

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Sincerly yours,

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CON (Source: Chicago Daily News, 30 January 1961)

PRO (Source: "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society)

The purpose of the organization is to fight communism through individual action and influence on American politics by the Society members.

The immediate and most urgent anxiety, of course, is the threat of the Communist conspiracy. And well it should be. For both internationally, and within the United States, the Communists are much further advanced and more deeply entrenched than is realized by even most of the serious students of the danger among the anti-Communists.

In summary, gentlemen, we are losing, rapidly losing, a cold war in which our freedom, our country, and our very existence are at stake. And while we don't seem to know we are losing this war, you can be sure the Communists do. There is just one thing -- only one thing in the whole world -- which the Communists fear today. It is that, despite their tremendous influence in our government and over all of our means of mass communication, the American people will wake up too soon to what has really been happening, and what is now happening right under their very noses.

This octopus is so large that its tentacles now reach into all of the legislative halls, all of the union labor meetings, a majority of the religious gatherings, and most of the schools of the whole world. It has a central nervous system which can make its tentacles in the labor unions of Bolivia, in the farmer's cooperatives of Saskatchewan, the caucuses of the Social Democrats of West Germany, and in the class rooms of the Yale Law School, all retract or reach forward simultaneously. It can make all of these creeping tentacles turn either right or left, or a given percentage turn right while the others turn left, at the same time, in accordance with the intentions of a central brain in Moscow or Ust'-Kamenogorski. The human race has never before faced any such monster of power which was determined to enslave it. There is certainly no reason for underrating its size, its efficiency, its determination, its power, or its menace.

The whole essence of the Society's purpose, and the guiding principle for action, covering not only the fight against collectivism but the fight for constructive replacement, may be summarized in the objective expressed by just five words: Less Government and More Responsibility.

The Wrong Way To Fight Reds

Birch Society Book Is Bared

Jack Mabley's Story

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Inasmuch as 99.9999 per cent of us are anti-Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens asks, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

Group Founded In Indianapolis

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

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WELCH HAS written a privately printed book called "The Politician." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, and Chief Justice Warren and Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

Some Excerpts From the Book

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to be to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt.

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: ". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

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WE REPRINT these words only because they are totally idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in his mind.

The Communist threat in this country is real enough. The country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the Communist evil.

But the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work.

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March 9, 1961

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Miss [redacted]

[redacted]

Detroit 5, Michigan

Dear Miss [redacted]

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Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased that you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," useful in your study of communism.

In regard to your inquiry, the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer from this that either we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your understandable concern with regard to the communist menace, I am enclosing several items which explain my views on this matter which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can do to fight Communism
God and Country or Communism?
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Party, USA
Series from "Christianity Today"

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Miss [redacted]
Detroit 5, Michigan

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March 3,1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir,

Being a member of the Cardinal Mindszenty Study Club, I am very interested in the checking of communism. I have read your book Masters of Deceit and have found it useful in my study.

The following is an excerpt from "American Opinion" July - September, 1960, Vol. III No. 7, Robert Welch. The report is fantastic. I would greatly appreciate your opinion on the matter.

"Never before has treason been so brazen and so audacious. Our State Department, which created Soviet Cuba, is now using the power of the United States to make another Cuba of the Dominican Republic. We have suspended testing of nuclear weapons for only one conceivable purpose--to give the Soviets time to attain, or at least claim, superiority in weapons of which propaganda has engendered in us an hysterical fear. No one dares to say that all available evidence indicates that the pilot of our famous U-2 must have purposely landed his plane in Russia; and that objectives of those who planned the incident must have been: (1) to give the Soviet a model to duplicate; (2) to provide the American Communists with an excuse for getting reconnaissance over Russia suspended; and (3) to post-

pone the "Summit Conference" with a maximum of public disgrace to the United States."

I would also appreciate any material you can send about communism.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Victoria, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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[redacted]
Victoria, Texas
March 3, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been to an introductory meeting of the John Birch Society and agree strongly with what their principals and goals seem to be -- fighting communism and more conservative government. However, before joining this group I would like very much your opinion on the sincerity of this organization.

I would appreciate an answer at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Victoria, Texas
March 3, 1961

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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62-104401-749

March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
The Capital National Bank
Post Office Box 181
Compton, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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THE CAPITAL NATIONAL BANK
OF COMPTON
NEWMARK 1-5166 NEVADA 6-2353 P. O. BOX 191
400 East Compton Blvd., Compton, Calif.

February 28, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in obtaining information in regard to the John Birch Society, whose address is Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

They represent themselves as a group organized for the sole purpose of combating the rise of communism in the United States. My membership has been solicited and I consider the cause to be worthy; however, since it is possible for such organizations to be totally ineffective, and sometimes they are actually for communism instead of against, I would like the benefit of such information as you are able to give me in regard to the society.

I have been furnished with considerable detail in regard to membership, operations and dues. The information that I desire from your office is as to whether the Society is reputable and effective.

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Yours very truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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March 10, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Glenview, Illinois

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 1, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. I can well appreciate the concern which prompted you to write and it is gratifying to know that my book, "Masters of Deceit," is one of the books you have read to obtain knowledge of the nature of communism.

With respect to the other sources you mention, I am unable to comment since the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of your interest in this subject, I am enclosing several items which you may find of value.

I firmly believe that it behooves every one of us to make a concerted effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist menace. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. Education is of strategic importance in this matter, for when fully cognizant of the aims of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to defeat it with the weapon it fears most--truth.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no correspondence with the correspondent and no derogatory information with respect to him. The correspondent encloses a copy of an article by Jack Mabley in which he replies to a letter from a reader who complains about the John Birch Society and accusations being thrown around by subversive right-wing anticommunist groups. He says it distresses him to see so many well-meaning people caught up on this wave of emotionalism which borders on hysteria. With some, anyone who disagrees with them is suspect as a communist. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Jack Mabley. He wrote previously in his column in the Chicago Daily News and was highly critical of the John Birch Society. This Society was organized by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December of 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization and Welch has been quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his Administration. We recently conducted an inquiry concerning this group.

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Glenview, Illinois
March 1, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

We are residents of Glenview, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Because of our Pastors tireless efforts to awaken us to the dangers of Communism, we are a very wide awake town regarding Communist strategy and tactics.

Numerous lectures by such dedicated Americans as, Father Becka, Walter Judd and Herbert Philbrick, a well planned school at Glenview Naval Air Base and the very effective books, MASTERS OF DECEIT, THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE, and QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON COMMUNISM, also contributed to our growing concern. As a result of all this effort by people we respected and admired, many of us became actively interested in anti-communist societies, such as, the Cardinal Minzenty Groups, John Birch Society and American Security Schools.

All of these groups have spent a great deal of time and effort in showing films such as, COMMUNISM ON THE MAP, OPERATION ABOLITION, LATVIA MY LATVIA etc. We also hold individual schools in our homes playing tape by R. Arens, Scousen, Philbrick, Dr. Benson, Dr. Schwartz, and many others. All in all we have probably reached 20,000 people or more and to some degree have added to their knowledge of the Communist techniques and purposes.

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The large majority of the people engaged in this anti-communist activity are well educated, well meaning Christians and patriots. They are not radicals and are interested only in saving our Country from its tragic apathy. However, in the last three months or so we have been ridiculed as alarmists, crackpots and even called Communists by a group of people led by one columnist of the Chicago Daily News. Who also happens to be a member of a One World Group in the Community Church of Glenview. He has written several derogatory columns about our efforts, the latest I have enclosed.

You, Mr. Hoover, are the most widely respected and revered authority in the field of American security, you enjoy a reputation with all Americans that is unique in American history.

I would appreciate having your opinion of this "grass-roots" type of anti-communist activity. Tell us if we should disband, or counsel us as to more effective methods of aiding our Country in Her hour of danger.

Your reply to this rather lengthy letter will be deeply appreciated and anxiously awaited.

Respectfully yours,

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JACK MABLEY:

"IT IS a delight to know that I have found someone else in this world who reads the newspaper backwards! What does it mean?" **Emilia C. Gilbert, Chicago.**

ANSWER: I don't know. I've read from the back to front since I was a little kid. Maybe it means we like the picture page. Maybe we like to save the best for last.

If you start worrying about these things, you can get in trouble. If you find comfort in numbers, there are a lot of us.

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"**WHAT IS** our world coming to? Do we no longer observe the Sabbath? Why must stores stay open on Sundays?

"Who are these people who shop and what are their reasons for shopping on Sunday? Are we all getting so mercenary we must either be greedy or selfish in allowing this to go on?

"If we did not patronize the stores they could not stay open. I, for one, would like a crusade to stop this feverish, snowballing idea."—**Mrs. E. Lyons, Chicago.**

COMMENT: This question is almost as sticky as bingo. I have never known a businessman who wanted to stay open on Sunday, but they say competition forces them to open.

Declining to patronize stores on Sunday is a reasonable way to protest. I object to laws requiring stores to close Sundays. This is a Christian holiday and the government has no moral right to impose one religion's beliefs or practices on non-Christians.

Regardless of your or my beliefs, an increasing number of stores are opening Sundays, and some say Sunday will be a full, normal business

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Nothing Like Reading Backwards

ay before many years have passed.

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"WHILE READING your column Feb. 7 I st wondered how you think we should solve e problem of segregation. Do you have any ggestions?" **Margaret Klaba, Justice.**

ANSWER: Yes. Integrate.

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"I AM VERY concerned by the accusations ing thrown by suburban right-wing anti-Com- unist groups deprecating Ambassador Steven- n, Sen. Douglas, Dwight Eisenhower and ner government dignitaries.

"Such accusations undermine government, as ll as the United States, and are causing great r among older citizens who are certain that ernment leadership is being controlled by mmunists — or certainly those with Com- ist leanings.

"The John Birch Society is only one of the groups making irresponsible remarks.

"Some of the so-called anti-Communist leaders have actually formed 'cell groups' which are busy trying to expose suspected Communists in the community. In some cases, one might label this new occupation modern-day witch hunts.

"The believers in the Robert Welch school need to be severely reprimanded for looking to men such as he for leadership when they should be occupying themselves with reaffirming their belief in the United States rather than kowtowing to the Communist scare—which is exactly what the Communists want." — **Jean Shanberg, Chicago.**

COMMENT: I agree. My thinking is influenced by a former FBI agent who probably has done as much as any other layman in the country to combat American Communists.

He shows me how the irresponsibility of extremists like Welch, leader of the Birch Society, does great harm to responsible anti-Communist efforts.

It distresses me to see so many well-meaning people caught up in this wave of emotionalism, which borders on hysteria. With some, anyone who disagrees with them is suspect as a Communist. They need, as much as anything, some lessons in depth on the meaning of Americanism.

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"FOR A considerable time I greatly admired the straightforward manner you used in dealing with diversified subjects, but recently you seem to be straddling many issues."—**Mrs. H. A. Cream, Chicago.**

COMMENT: Do you want blood? If this is straddling, what would a firm stand be?

(Mabley is on WBBM nightly at 8.)

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March 10, 1961

Honorable Milton R. Young
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have been advised of your call to my office regarding the John Birch Society, and in response to your inquiry regarding this organization, I wish to advise that I have not endorsed this group or its activities in any fashion whatsoever.

You also made inquiry regarding a statement which has been erroneously attributed to me to the effect that up to eighty per cent of the top officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are communists or are under communist influence. This is, of course, a completely ridiculous assertion and when a report of this matter was brought to my attention recently it was promptly and emphatically denied as a fabrication.

Your interest in contacting me regarding this situation is very much appreciated, and I assure you we are always happy to be of any possible service or assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Hon. Milton R. Young

NOTE: See DeLoach to Mohr memorandum dated March 9, 1961, regarding call from Senator Young. A newspaper in Newport Beach, California, on 2-23-61 carried a report to the effect that the Director said "the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has 80% of the top communists in the nation." Although this statement is somewhat different than the one given by Senator Young, it obviously refers to the same situation. By letter of March 1, 1961, the Secretary of HEW was advised of the fraudulent nature of this story. Files reflect cordial contacts with Senator Young and he has come to the defense of the Bureau regarding the confidential nature of our files. In 1956 charges were made that Senator Young "had sold out to natural gas interests," however, Senate committee hearings regarding this charge were dropped because of lack of evidence to support the allegation.

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Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

I have received your letter dated March 3, 1961, with its enclosure, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the organizations you mentioned.

I am, however, enclosing some literature concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

3/31/86

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that in her community there is great confusion, all in the name of anticommunist propaganda, and a person does not know what to believe.

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

She mentions the John Birch Society and the Fund for the Republic and inquires: "Cannot you through the proper channels of our government have definite statements of authenticity given to the American people?" She then states she would also like to know the truth about Moral Re-Armament and the Cinema Educational Guild.

She enclosed a circular containing reprints of articles which have appeared in the "Santa Barbara News-Press" which were critical of the John Birch Society. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist group and has not been investigated by the Bureau. It has been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower alleging that he is a communist.

The Fund for the Republic has not been investigated by the Bureau; however, numerous persons connected with it have in the past had questionable associations. It has at times been very critical of the Bureau, the loyalty program and internal security problems. (100-391697)

Moral Re-Armament has been described as a world-wide semireligious organization, pacifist in nature, with idealistic objectives. There is no indication it is subversive. (62-43223)

The Cinema Educational Guild, headed by Myron C. Fagan, is allegedly an anticommunist group which has also distributed anti-Semitic and anti-Negro literature. It has been necessary to contact Fagan on several occasions to request him to refrain from mentioning the FBI in any manner. (62-87267)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "How to Beat Communism."
3. "God and Country or Communism."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

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Air Mail

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

March 3, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.,

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Dear Mr. Hoover, It is my prayer that this letter be placed in your hands. The writer is an American citizen, an intelligent person and one who is greatly concerned about the future of our country and her children.

In this town of Santa Barbara, a pleasant place to live in, I find within the last year and now, increasingly so, a great confusion, all in the name of anti-communistic propaganda.

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Specifically, I mention the

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Sent to Santa Barbara News-Press, Santa Barbara, Calif.

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John Birch Society and the Friends of the Republic.

Cannot you through the proper channels of our government have definite statements of authenticity given to the American people?

I enclose a few samples of the confusion so abundant which to my notion is a tool and part of the planned communistic program. Spreading the seeds of dissension, confusion and a great depression are all part of the scheme for the battle of our minds so we will surely fall as over-ripe fruit into the hands of our enemy.

Specifically, please give me a statement on the John Birch Society and the Friends of the Republic - headed by Robert Welsh and Robert Hutchins,

MR. [redacted]

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respectively. They appear to be at each other's throats —

And I think the time is growing very late. Two other organizations I would like to know the truth about are Moral Re-Armament and a so-called Cinema Educational Guild of Hollywood, Calif. which is circulating a list of American citizens classed as Communists — namely one is Chet Huntley —

These all, I know are before you but the average american citizen is bewildered by this barrage of literature and so called movies such as Communism in the Map etc. Something must be done before it is too late,

Sincerely,

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March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Miami 55, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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One Nation's Response To Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Series from "Christianity Today"

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DEAR SIRS,

I am writing to request either an official opinion or fact, pro and con. I hope you can help me with this.

As a citizen, I am greatly concerned over the Communist problem facing us today both on a world wide scale and here at home.

I feel that I should have become aware of this earlier but none the less, I am aware now that we have a grave fight on our hands and something must be done.

In searching for a means of fighting this situation I first have tried to become better educated about them. Then I looked for a group that would allow me, as an individual, to do something truly constructive and with purpose.

I have come across a group that goes by the name, The John Birch Society. I"ts headquarters are in Belmont, Mass. and it is headed by a Mr. Robt. Welch. I have studied their handbooks and from what I read, their aims and methods appeal to me greatly.

What I seek from you people is an opinion on this group, or Mr. Welch. Do you think it would be advisable of me to join their organization? There are so many groups here & there that it is hard for the uninformed to know which is on our side, and which is not.

Any help and advice you might give will be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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March 13, 1961

Mr. Corwin N. Spencer
448 Hermosa Place
Palm Springs, California

Dear Mr. Spencer:

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Your letter dated March 5, 1961, has been received.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. To secure a list of the groups which have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent's enclosure is an article by Gene Blake from the Los Angeles Times entitled "The John Birch Society: What Are Its Purposes?" It is one of a series outlining the background and the anti-Eisenhower Administration views of Robert Welch. Address of correspondent verified by telephone directory check.

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Palm Springs
Calif
March 5-1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Enclosed is a clipping from the L. A. times of this morning and I am asking that you in your busy life take the time to read it and advise me or have someone advise me what you think of it and the statements made herein.

For your info I am 66 years of age served in the U. S. N. R. F. in world war No 1, a 32 0 Mason, member of Christian Science Church and retired.

I love my country and all it has given me and articles such as the enclosed worry me so and because one does not know what to believe.

My business career was with The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co where I spent 36 years before retirement. You may check on my background.

Some years ago your office sent me a booklet which contained the names of societies groups etc which were wondered subversive and I should like another copy.

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Sincerely yours

/s/ Corwin N Spencer

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Have never written and all is here given for what it is worth such as the enclosed upon my own and because I do not know what to believe.

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My business career was with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co for 36 years before retirement. Hope you may find any background.

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For Israel is a nation that ...

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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monthly magazine, American Opinion. In 1957 he gave up most of his other business responsibilities to devote nearly all his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause.

Welch chose the subject of one of his books as the name for his society because he felt this young man symbolized all that the society should stand for.

John Birch was a fundamentalist Baptist preacher from Georgia who became a missionary in China and then an intelligence officer with Gen. Claire Chennault's forces during World War II. He helped Gen. James Doolittle escape from China after the famous raid on Tokyo.

But 10 days after V-J Day, Capt. Birch was shot and killed in a Chinese village near Hsuchow. Five years later, former Sen. Knowland charged in a Senate speech that he was murdered in cold blood by Chinese Communists.

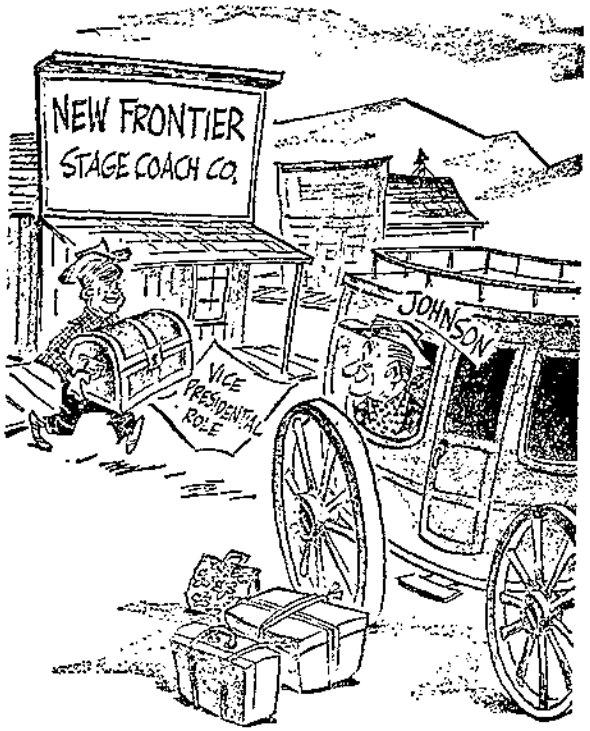
Aims at Expose

Welch's book purports to be a documentation of that charge, as well as an expose of a "cover-up" by the U.S. government in a policy of "appeasement" toward Red China.

"It is clear that the Communists, high and low, recognized John Birch as standing for America, for Christianity, and as the very embodiment of those qualities and forces which were in their way," Welch wrote.

" . . . he was the first, or very nearly the first, casualty in American uniform in a war still being waged . . . With his death and in his death the battle lines were drawn, in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed."

Monday: The Blue Book "bible" of the John Birch Society.



Bimrose, in the Portland Oregonian

Still waiting for his baggage

If I could second-guess myself on rearing my children, which I cannot, I'd do it the same way again. The public school systems and the private schools are complementary. Both, I think, are essential—and both are helpful to each other.

The private schools, when they have the money, have the advantage of greater freedom that is inherent in any small and private institution, and they definitely do have the compulsion upon them to equal, at the least, and to strive to surpass the working level of public schools. I don't mean that they always accomplish this. The level of achievement in public schools sets a high standard. But the compulsion to strive toward it is upon the private schools.

And as they strive, and raise their standards, they put a similar compulsion upon the public schools. Which is what I was saying. The two kinds of schools are competitive, and their competition constantly raises the achievements of each.

All this sounds perfect. And so it will be, but only as long as the private schools are able to stay in the race. And that, I think, is their solid argument when they go around seeking endowment gifts.

For private giving is one of the great public services.

...se wizards practice a highly stylized art, for which they are generally well and deservedly paid.

But the years have taken their toll of California's best campaign experts, one way or another, so any day now you may see in The Times' HELP WANTED MALE section of the classified advertisements a small notice to this effect:

"CAMPAIGN MANAGER NEEDED — Bright young man who hasn't been to the political well too often to assist veteran office-seeker who's afraid he might . . ."

Reputedly, Nixon is already on the lookout for fresh talent in the event he challenges Gov Brown, ...ficial boundaries that split us into segments, the urgency of "blanketing" metropolitan complexes like Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco—all these spell costly propstopping, motorcading and helicoptering.

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Sen. Tom Kuchel's already preparing to hire a station wagon in which he and his handsome wife will stump the state "as it's never been stumped before," against whomever the Democrats nominate against him.

Other top campaigners will doubtless do the same.

Nixon did, in '50, with Chotiner at his side.

3/31/86 Jo Macmier

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY BRAINERD DYER

Speaking in the gymnasium of little Westminster College at Fulton, Mo., March 5, 1946, Great Britain's war-time prime minister, Winston Churchill, gave currency to the term "iron curtain."

"Nobody knows what Soviet Russia . . . intends to do in the immediate future, or what are the limits, if any, to their expansive tendencies," Churchill said, and then continued, "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic an iron curtain has descended across the European continent."

Urging the western world to act to prevent World War III while time remained and voicing lack of confidence in the United Nations, Churchill called for a military alliance between the United States and Great Britain.

Some critics charged Churchill with undermining the United Nations just when it was struggling to establish itself, while others praised him for pointing out what most statesmen had hesitated to make clear—that Russia was actually challenging the peace of the world.

CORWIN SPENCER PALM SPRINGS

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The John Birch Society: What Are Its Purposes?

This is the first of five articles reporting the background, purposes, organization and leadership of the John Birch Society, which has set a national membership goal of 1 million and expects to have 100,000 by the end of 1961.

BY GENE BLAKE

On a wintry day a little over two years ago, a dozen men gathered in Indianapolis at the invitation of a retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer, Robert Welch.

They were influential, busy men. One came from Oregon, one from Kansas, one from Missouri, two from Wisconsin, one from Illinois, one from Indiana, one from Tennessee, one from Virginia and two from Massachusetts.

These men weren't exactly sure why they were there, except that they all shared the same concern over the menace of international communism, its influence in America and the fate of this nation.

Two-Day Explanation

For two full days they listened to Robert Welch set forth his views of the problem and what he thought should be done about it. Out of that meeting of Dec. 8 and 9, 1958, came the John Birch Society.

Within a year there were working chapters in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, California and Washington. There were also members of the home chapter [illegible]

litical standpoint. In Russia, less than 3% of the 200 million people are Communists and in any country they have taken over there have been no more."

Talbert sees Communist influences working directly here in front organizations, infiltrating political organizations and college campuses. But more than that he sees Communist objectives being furthered by certain newspaper writers, in motion pictures, in church pulpits and in all levels of government.

Aims Are Same

"It is sometimes necessary to differentiate between Socialism and Communism, although their aims are the same—leading to the destruction of our constitution and private enterprise," Talbert said.

"There are a lot of things going on in city, county, state and federal government that are certainly driving us into the arms of Socialism. If we continue on the road to Socialism, it will be just an overnight shift to Communism."

John Birchers in Southern California and throughout [illegible]

A REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

Any national organization with a political purpose is of paramount interest to the general public.

Any such organization, methodically yet semi-secretly organizing to influence public opinion, is the public's business.

The John Birch Society is such an organization.

On this page The Times publishes the first of five articles reporting on the founding, the purposes and the operations of the John Birch Society. These articles quote verbatim from the writings of Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, including his manuscript "The Politician," of which photostatic copies are available although it was distributed confidentially to a limited number. The articles also quote extensively from the society's Blue Book, currently used as the society's guide for action, and from leaders of the organization here in Los Angeles.

At the conclusion of this series of articles The Times will publish its editorial opinion of the purposes and activities of the John Birch Society. We suggest in the meantime that each of you, as a free American citizen, read these articles carefully.

NICK B. WILLIAMS
Editor, The Times

conspiracy included former Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, Chief Justice Warren, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"The Politician," distributed confidentially to a limited number, has caused

Welch, of course, is just one of many who have preached this doctrine of imminent Communist domination to some degree for years. One was the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who has become almost a patron saint of the John Birch Society.

But Welch appears to have had [illegible]

large" members—in about 40 states.

Now, after another year, the list of states with from one to more than 100 working chapters has grown to 34, plus the District of Columbia, and there are home chapter members in all 50 states.

Makes Voice Heard

Organized and developed quietly at first—almost secretly—the society is now making its voice heard and no longer shuns the spotlight. By the end of the year the national membership is expected to reach 100,000. The goal is a million.

There are several thousand members in scores of chapters throughout Southern California today, according to Paul H. (Tex) Talbert, Beverly Hills insurance executive who is a member of the society's national council.

They are hard at work attacking the Communist menace as they see it on the home front, either directly or through other organizations — PTAs, social and civic groups, study clubs, church societies.

Talbert won't hazard a guess as to how many working, hard-core, live Communists there are in Southern California. But he and his fellow John Birchers do not believe that is the crux of the problem.

Takes Only a Few

"Even though there are relatively only a few Communists," Talbert said, "for every one there are 10 people standing behind ready to do their bidding and for each of these there are another 10 — the do-gooder type — willing to go along with them.

"It would take only a few hundred Communists to upset the balance from a po-

to alert the public, according to Talbert, through concentrated letter - writing campaigns, circulating petitions, speaking before various groups, showing anti-Communist films and distributing anti - Communist literature — under the over-all leadership of founder Robert Welch.

Point to Book

Who is the man who brought this about and what is his purpose?

Detractors are quick to point out that Robert Welch is the man who wrote several years ago, in a manuscript called "The Politician" by some and the "black book" by others, that former President Eisenhower and top members of his administration were Communists or tools of the Communists.

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist and has been for 30 years," Welch wrote on page 267, "this opinion is based largely on an accumulation of detailed evidence and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Welch also wrote of Dwight Eisenhower on page 268 in "The Politician":

". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

'His Boss'

And on page 210:

"In my opinion the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party. For one thing, he is obviously a great deal smarter."

Others listed by Welch in "The Politician" as part or tools of the Communist

some discomfort among members — but by no means all of them.

Some obviously agree with it, or at least feel there is sufficient evidence to believe that Welch's charges might be true. Oth-

Robert Welch

ers may temper the charges by stating that Mr. Eisenhower and some of the others were or are merely unwitting tools of the Communists.

Clue to Program

At any rate, this gives a clue to the general tenor of the society's charges: Communists have been and still are in control of high places in the U.S. government, the armed forces, the courts, the schools and universities, the press, radio, television and motion pictures, unions, the United Nations, the private foundations and the churches.

Unless the public wakes up, the society fears, it is only a question of time before the United States falls without a struggle into the world-wide Communist dominion ruled from the Kremlin.

than any other man in welding his followers into a cohesive force with a program of action. It is a program of fighting fire with fire, openly using some of the tactics that have proved successful for the enemy.

Farmer Ancestry

Welch was born in 1899 on a North Carolina farm. His ancestry, mainly farmers and Baptist preachers, is traceable to one Miles Welch, who came to this country from Wales in 1720.

He was educated for four years at the University of North Carolina, two years at the United States Naval Academy and two years at Harvard Law School. He moved to Boston in 1919 and has been in the candy manufacturing business all his adult life.

For many years he was vice president in charge of sales and advertising of James O. Welch Co., with factories in Cambridge and Mansfield, Mass., and in Los Angeles, as well as its subsidiary sales corporations in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Los Angeles and Seattle.

Was NAM Director

He has served as a director of a bank and several other business corporations. He was a member of the board of directors of the National Assn. of Manufacturers seven years, regional NAM vice president three years and chairman of its Educational Advisory Committee two years.

Welch also has been an extensive world traveler, speaker, author, editor and publisher. His books include "The Road to Salesmanship" (1941), "May God Forgive Us" (1952) and "The Life of John Birch" (1954).

For five years he has edited and published a

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REC- 55

March 10, 1961

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita 17, Kansas

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b7C

Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Mohr

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Series from "Christianity Today"

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Wichita 17, Kansas
March 2, 1961

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9 th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send all information available on the organization and activities of the John Birch Society.

Requested by,

[redacted]

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Wichita 17, Kansas

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March 13, 1961

REC-90

Mr. [redacted]
South Coast Life Insurance Company
318 McFaddin Building
Beaumont, Texas

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b7C

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

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Series from Christianity Today (see NOTE next page)

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Letter to Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C 3-13-61

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SOUTH COAST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 3, 1961

W. R. "PAT" WORTMAN
318 McFADDIN BUILDING
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Literature from "The John Birch Society" has come into my hands, and, accepted at face value, makes a considerable impression.

Can you tell me whether or not this organization is truly the loyal American organization it purports to be? Can, in your opinion, an ordinary citizen render a service to his country through this society?

It would be gross ingratitude to fail to thank you for the magnificent service you have rendered your country and your fellow-citizens.
Thank you, Mr. Hoover.

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REC-90

March 13, 1961

Mr. Albert J. Toth
Justice of the Peace
Box 41
Lyons Falls, New York

Dear Mr. Toth:

3/28/86

Your letter postmarked March 5, 1961, and enclosure have been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material currently available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism. Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Conrad
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Mr. Walters
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TRUE COPY

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.
Mar 4 1960

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Friend Hoover

What do you know about Robert Welch, Belmont Mass? He has men going around too join then in there Society I am going to send you one application that they want the the people to join They want keep it q.t. If know anything please let know

Your truly

/s/ Albert J Toth
Justice of peace

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2 ENCLOSURES

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DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women $1,000.00
(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each.)

Regular annual membership in the Home Chapter	For men	$24.00
	For women . . .	12.00
Membership in a local chapter, minimum per year:	For men	$24.00
	For women. . . .	12.00

(This may be paid as $2.00 per month for men, and $1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

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ENCLOSURE

Application For Membership

_____, 19

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____ Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely, 3/25/76 [illegible]

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

_____

Date _____

Application Approved By _____

Dues Received _____

Title _____

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ALBERT J. TOTH
LYONS FALLS
Box 41

J. Edgar Hoover

Care of FBI.

Washington

D.C.

J Edgar Hoover
Wellington D.C.
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Albert J Toll
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CORRESPONDENCE

REC-9 62-104401-758

March 10, 1961

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Austin, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of March 2, 1961, has been received, and it is indeed reassuring to learn of your awareness of the menace of communism.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I would like to point out, however, my strong belief that education is of strategic importance in the struggle between communism and the free world. Full knowledge of this evil conspiracy's true nature is vital if we are to effectively resist its influence. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. When fully cognizant of the aims and objectives of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to combat this menace with the weapon it fears most--truth.

Enclosed is some material on the general subject which you may find of interest. Some of these items contain suggestions as to ways of opposing communism, and additional copies of any of this literature are available in reasonable quantities upon request and at no cost.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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One Nation's Response To Communism
Director's speech 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The portion of correspondent's address regarding the apartment is not being utilized as there is no indication as to what [redacted] means. It is noted that she merely has [redacted] on the return portion of envelope.

[redacted]

Austin, Texas
March 2, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

3/28/61 Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just become acquainted with a person who is a member (of six months' standing) of the John Birch Society, which is headed by Robert Welch. To me, the views of this Society, as I hear them through this person, are fanatical and radical. This person has let his fight against communism become his whole life--overriding everything else, even his job and his church.

If the communists are as evil and widespread and dedicated to their cause as he says they are, the world is in a pretty bad mess. But I find it hard to go along with everything he says (and I know little of politics, anyhow). Apparently this Society condemns nearly every prominent political figure today--or at least a good percentage of them--as being "out and out" communists, "pink", or at least Socialistic (which he claims is the next thing to communistic). This communistic label extends even to FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt. Of course, everything I had heard all my life about the Roosevelts has been good, and this talk about them is hard to take--for instance, the part about Eleanor Roosevelt being affiliated with over eighty communist front organizations.

I am only twenty, with a background of two years of music in college, and now employed as a secretary. I don't want to see my country under Communist rule, but I don't want to become radical about them, or get involved in something I don't understand.

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So could you explain some things to me about how the Communists work, how real their threat is, and what I can really do to combat--or help combat--them? Also, I would like to know if this John Birch Society is really doing good (such as the move to impeach Earl Warren), or if it's just a way Robert Welch found to get an easy living?

I am reading your Masters of Deceit, and find that quite an eye-opener. But I'd like for you to send me some more information--from you, and not just pamphlets and a form letter.

Thank you for your attention.

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Respectfully yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted]

REC-9 62-104421-759

March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Pon and Company
711 North Azusa Avenue
Azusa, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 6, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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711 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE
AZUSA, CALIFORNIA

February 23rd, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many of my friends and I would like to take an active part in the crusade against Communism with our time and our funds.

I have been solicited for membership in the John Birch Society and before considering support of this organization, I am seeking an expression from you relative thereto. I shall be pleased to lend support to any other organizations that might be recommended or at least have received clearance by your department.

An early reply will be appreciated.

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REC-9 [illegible] 760

March 13, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 28, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiries.

No suggestions come to mind where you might be able to secure a list of persons engaging in subversive activities; however, a copy of the list of organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450 can be secured by submitting a request to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

I am pleased to know of your desire to help combat communism, and enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Malone
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. It will be noted that the Bureau is aware of some of the individuals correspondent named as having affiliation with communist front organizations.

Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in his writings, and our field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of his group. At one time Welch had stated that he believed an organization having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

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One Nation's Response to Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion.

[redacted] Texas
February 28,1961.

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J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington 25,D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in justice being done in our United States. Therefore I am wanting some information which I think that you can provide. I further am interested that our United States stay a free country.

Would you send me a list of the people who are un-American and un-American organizations? I especially am interested in these people [redacted] Harry Emerson Fosdick, [redacted] E. Standley Jones, [redacted] G. Bromley Oxnam, [redacted] Henry P. Van Dusen , Walter Van Kirk, [redacted] You will note most of these are Methodist, I am a Methodist and have had contact with many of these people through the years. It is hard for me to think they are un-American and are connected with un-American organizations knowingly.

Would you tell me some of the activities one can do to keep our United States a Republic and free.

I have been given some material saying that the people above are un-American. Is the John Birch Society a worthy group to work with to fight communism?

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b7C

Yours truly

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

Amarillo,Texas

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CORRESPONDENCE

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REC-9 62- 111101-761

March 13, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Poulsbo, Washington

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b7C

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and I am most appreciative of your expressions of confidence in this Bureau.

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch, Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch was openly critical of former President Eisenhower's administration. We are conducting inquiries concerning this group. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

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has not been investigated by the Bureau. The Los Angeles Chapter of this organization has circulated a petition calling for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and, in 1958, the Seattle Chapter recommended investigation of the FBI.

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Director's Speech 10-18-60
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
God and Country or Communism?
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
One Nation's Response to Communism

TRUE COPY

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b7C [redacted]
Poulsbo, Wn.
March 3, 1961

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Invesitgation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

3/28/61 Spmacmke

I have heard, that a group calling themselves "John Burch Society" are active in Bremerton, Wn. They claim to be fighting Communism, but I could not get that OK'd through the sources I've tried, so would appreciate any literature, etc. on them.

Also, I have been unable to get anything on the American Civil Liberties Committee - except that members from this Society have said it is subversive.

If I am out of line, asking for information on these groups, I'll be happy to have you inform to that effect.

We do have faith and trust in you and our F. B. I.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

REC-9 62-104401-761

P. S. Why can't the F. B. I. Office here give me the good or bad of John Burch Society?

5 MAR 14 1961

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Poulsbo, Wn.
March 3, 1961

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover.
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

3/20/61 DPMacMke

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MAR 7 1961

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REC. 35 62 - 104401 - 762

March 13, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

South Fort Mitchell
Covington, Kentucky

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letters dated March 1, 1961, have been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your kind expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiries and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the group you named.

Enclosed is a copy of my articles which were reprinted in "The Advocate," together with other material on the subject of communism which you may find of interest. There will be no charge.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8) Series from "Christianity Today"
Expose of Soviet Espionage — Communist Target--Youth
What You Can Do To Fight Communism — How To Beat Communism
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NOTE: Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in his writings, and our field offices have been alerted to following their activities since Welch at one time expressed the opinion that he believed a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attacking true subversives.

South Fort Mitchell does not appear in the Postal Guide, and address set up per call to Post Office Department.

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March 1, 1961

Mr. J. E. Hoover.
FBI
Wash. 25, D.C.

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So. Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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4 March, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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Washington, D. C.

RE:- THE BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. [redacted] and I have recently been hearing and reading about the above-named Society, purporting to be Anti-Communist. Both by editorialization and in news items, The Santa Barbara News-Press, published by a highly respected scion of one of our pioneer families, Thomas Storke, has condemned the principles and the national leader, a Robert B. Welch, of Boston. By no stretch of the imagination could Mr. Storke be presumed to be Pro-Communist, yet it appears to worry him, as it does us, that a considerable number of American citizens of substance and intelligence have been persuaded to join the Society.

My main purpose in writing you (and to presume upon your time) is to ascertain if there is available any dispassionate, unbiased source of information, bulletin, publication or news release from your office which attempts to evaluate this Society. Some of our friends and acquaintances are receiving literature and admonitions to join the Society.

Perhaps the most serious statement attributed to Mr. Welch appears to quote him as saying that ex-President Eisenhower is a Communist. This has distressed us deeply, as has, according to Mr. Storke, insinuations that ex-President Truman and others of our national leaders are Communists. While Mrs. Phelps and I certainly do not consider ourselves entitled to any so-called "classified information", we are deeply disturbed, and would greatly appreciate anything you can tell two natives of California whose American heritage goes back many generations.

Perhaps I could identify myself as a present member of the Defense Orientation Conference Assn., and a highly enthusiastic member of JCOC 23, which made the October, 1956 trip to some of our major defense establishments. As a retired farmer, a veteran of World War I, and the father of one son who fought as a platoon leader of the Marine Corps in Korea, and another who served in the Navy, it seems to me the purposes and objectives of The Birch Society should become public information.

Sincerely yours,

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 28, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont dated 2/7/61 recommended that in order to give us a better insight into the John Birch Society (JBS) and "American Opinion" we should have Boston check appropriate sources and records to determine the facts concerning the incorporation of JBS, its incorporators, its credit rating, the circulation of "American Opinion," et cetera. In answer to Bureau airtel of 2/8/61 the Boston Office advised by letter dated 2/17/61 of its check into this matter.

There is set forth below a resume of the information furnished by Boston.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Incorporated on 12/23/58 as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and was assigned charter number 624-300. The officers were listed as: Robert Welch, President and Treasurer, and Ellen M. Lovett, Clerk (Secretary). The Directors were listed as Mary M. White, Robert Welch and Ellen M. Lovett. The incorporators were listed as Robert Welch; Marian Frobert Welch (wife of Robert Welch); Ellen M. Lovett; Mary M. White; Ellen Douglas Snow, also known as Mrs. Stanley Carman Snow, formerly Mrs. Alexander Gucker; Philip L. Jenkins; and Juliette D. Guild. All of the aforementioned are residents of the Boston, Massachusetts, area. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. The records of Dun and Bradstreet contain a report dated 8/5/60 which states that Welch declined a financial statement concerning JBS on 8/4/60 but did state that JBS had sufficient capital to meet its needs. The records of Dun and Bradstreet and the Credit Bureau of

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Greater Boston disclosed that Welch has a favorable credit rating. Boston furnished brief background information concerning the above individuals and stated that the files of that office do not contain any identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning any of them. Boston also observed that Ellen Douglas Snow was the widow of Special Agent Alexander Gucker of the Bureau who was assigned to the Albany Office and who died of a heart condition in his berth on a train in 1952 while en route from Albany to New York City to assist in an inspection of the New York Office.

"AMERICAN OPINION"

While "American Opinion" is published by Robert Welch who also founded the JBS, there is no indication that "American Opinion" is the official publication of JBS. It being noted that "American Opinion" was in existence for about three years before JBS came into existence.

Incorporated on 1/13/56 under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The officers were listed as Robert Welch, President and Treasurer, and Ellen M. Lovett, Clerk (Secretary). The Directors were listed as Robert Welch, Ellen M. Lovett and Ellen Douglas Gucker. The incorporators were listed as the same three individuals. The aims and purposes were listed as the dissemination of information to the general public through the medium of the publication of papers, books, magazines and lectures. According to a 4/23/58 financial statement the assets were listed as $27,320.85. A financial statement of 6/27/60 showed the assets to be $77,475.82. A Dun and Bradstreet report dated 3/25/59 showed that "American Opinion" was organized by Welch, who is of independent means, to publish an anticommunist periodical and that on 3/24/59 Welch declined to furnish a financial statement but did state the corporation had sufficient funds available to meet its needs and other operating expenses. The circulation of the publication was listed as between 5,000 and 6,000 subscribers with an annual volume of business around $25,000 or better. The report further disclosed that "American Opinion" is sold at the rate of $5 per year, with 11 issues being published annually.

On 2/14/61 Arthur Flynn, Postmaster, Belmont, Massachusetts, advised that mailings of JBS and "American Opinion" bear the address 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, and are handled through the Belmont Post Office.

We have never investigated JBS, "American Opinion," nor Welch. A review of Bufiles and indices did not disclose any identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning any of the above individuals

Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: John Birch Society
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ACTION:

We have furnished background information to the field concerning Welch and JBS by SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3/10/59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60. The field was instructed to keep the Bureau advised of the formation of any chapters of JBS and that the Bureau was particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use JBS or its chapters. In the information we have received from the field there has been no indication that any subversive elements have been interested in the JBS or its chapters. We will continue to keep a close watch on the information received from the field and in the event any information is received indicating that we should initiate an investigation of JBS or any of its chapters, we will do so. You will be kept advised of any further pertinent developments concerning this matter.

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March 15, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. Some of these reprints give suggestions for combating this atheistic conspiracy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

Enclosures
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
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Struggle on a New Plane
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GEOLOGICAL ENGINEER—PETROLEUM ENGINEER
BOX [redacted]
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS

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March 8, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is an organization in which I have become interested that is known as the John Birch Society. We are often warned that organizations are not always what they appear to be, and that we should investigate before joining. Could you please tell me whether or not this is truly an anti-communist and patriotic organization and whether or not you could recommend it as a means of fighting Communism?

Any other suggestions that the Bureau has to make regarding the fight against Communism, would be most helpful.

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Yours very truly,

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March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

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Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 5, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer in this connection that our files do or do not contain data regarding the group you mentioned.

I cannot speak for Congressman Smith, and it is suggested that you write to him directly. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which is available for distribution.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
Communist Party, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization. It has not been investigated by the Bureau, but we are watching its activities inasmuch as its founder, Robert Welch, indicated that it might be used to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the President to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

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March 5, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
U.S.Dep't of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I'm very much interested in the professed policy and program of The John Birch Society, organized to fight Communism and reestablish the principles and purposes proclaimed by the writers of the Constitution in the United States.

After telling a friend that I was seriously considering the idea of becoming a working member of this Society, he suggested that it might be wise to inquire of you first as to the theory and practice of this organization with which you may be somewhat familiar.

I have read the Society's Blue Book, your book "Masters of Deceit" (which Pasadena Republican headquarters lends to readers), and Herbert Philbrick's "I Led Three Lives".

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If your position does not allow ~~you to evaluate~~ information secured, do you think our Representative, H. Allen Smith, former FBI ~~agent, could help~~ me?

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March 14, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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Santa Ana, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your very thoughtful letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. With regard to your inquiry, I am forwarding several items which express my views concerning the communist conspiracy which you may find of interest.

One of the enclosures is a copy of my report "Communist Target--Youth," a detailed account of the events which occurred during the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings held in San Francisco. An analysis of this report will reveal its purpose was not to defend the activities of the House Committee nor does it cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat, and, armed with that knowledge, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

This Bureau has had no connection with the preparation, sponsorship or distribution of either of the films which you mentioned in your letter. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any recommendations with respect to them.

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Thank you for your kind comments concerning the work of the FBI, and I trust that I will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record concerning the correspondent. The John Birch Society was established by Robert Welch, of Belmont, Massachusetts, and has been engaged in anticommunist activities. The Bureau has conducted inquiry concerning it. The film, "Communism on the Map," was prepared by the National Educational Program of Searcy, Arkansas, of which George S. Benson is President. It was borrowed and reviewed by the Bureau on 12-22-60 at which time the consensus of opinion of the Agents reviewing it was that it was not the type of material which should be used and endorsed by the Bureau. It frequently deals in half-truths, distortion of truths and innuendoes in its efforts to establish that international communism is encircling America.

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Santa Ana, California
February 28, 1961.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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As a perplexed young wife and mother, this acute problem of Communism has become the major topic of conversation within my family and amongst our friends and "former friends". In fact, we have come to the point of not knowing whom to believe or trust. Ordinarily, I wouldn't consider taking the valuable time of a person like yourself, but as I would consult a doctor for a communicable disease, I am consulting you, whom I respect more than any living American.

First of all, let me give you a background of our situation here in Southern California. My husband and I are in our late 20's and have children about to enter school. Many of our friends and acquaintances have, through club meetings and private gatherings, had the opportunity of awakening themselves to the Communist threat of infiltrating our America. Some of us have heard lectures and seen films, and the reaction has been crazy and mixed up.

Personally, we are horrified and are ready to jump on the wagon and act like Paul Revere! But then we try to remember we are civilized and not become too fanatical, because becoming too tempered or over-zealous could be a very dangerous thing. Some of these films and speeches intend to alarm people since they feel we have been idle and complacent far too long, and if we want to save our country we have to make up for long lost time. All this sounds perfectly feasible to me. If we were to wake up some morning under a Communistic dictatorship and military force we would go insane or all be murdered in the streets for refusing to give up our belief in God and freedom as we know it.

I have just read Cleon Skousen's The Naked Communist which has been my first real education pertaining to Communism and the threat to our government. I found it extremely profitable in understanding this problem as a neophite. It also creates a feeling of alarm, that things have to change because it is inconceivable that our ideals and republican way of life could ever be compatible with that deranged set of principals set down by Marx and Engels. I have read some of your Law Enforcement Bulletins and know you are certain that the Communists want world domination, their ultimate desire being to terminate Capitalism and fly the Red flag in our country!

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But there is such mixed emotion amongst our people over this. I'm

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certain our group of friends is a good criterion for many groups of loyal Americans. There are those who feel as we do and don't exactly know where to go with their energy. There are those who refuse to believe it's possible. There are those who arch their backs because they feel the whole thing is out of porportion and will turn into a so-called "witch-hunt". There are those who think the whole mess is a political maneuver for the concervatives to be rid of the liberals, that the threat of real Communism isn't a threat to the United States. And there are those who label anyone a Communist who doesn't believe as they do.

How can we recognize the magnitude of this Communistic threat and where can we turn to know how to act effectively? I ask you because I believe you are the one man who is trusted and respected by all, and there would be no arguments or disbeliefs from any alert American over your words. We all have different ways of fighting for what we believe, and I know there are groups organizing now to fight and pressure for America's security. But couldn't we be duped into a force that might also be a potential evil?

I am appealing for your advice because so many Americans are in need of it, because you stand for absolutely nothing to gain except the survival of freedom. At the present time good people are doing harm because of ignorance and other good people are ineffective because they don't know whom to trust.

Personally, I am curious as to your opinion of Robert Welsh and his John Birch Society? He seems so strong that we wonder if such a man could be potentially dangerous or is he absolutely on the right path? Also, the films "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition" have created such a rumpus that some people feel they have shown the whole threat out of porportion, therefore they are propaganda. We feel the films are valuable because they awakened us and we are planning to show them in our home to alert others, but we want to be able to defend them too!

We are looking forward to attending the Orange County School on Anti-Communism to be held locally next week. We know that we will recognize the threat more than ever from listening to this distinguished faculty, but still, the documented imprint of J. Edgar Hoover is the one stabilizing force to bring all real Americans to their senses.

You have my sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks for any help or guidance. Our country must be filled with people as confused as we and we <u>must</u> protect ourselves against the deplorable Communist plans for the future.

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March 14, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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Laguna Beach, California

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The meeting to which correspondent refers is probably the recent seminar held by Dr. Fred C. Schwarz and others on communism.

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March 6, 1961
Laguna Beach, Calif

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/28/86 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover -

We need advise. It is presumptious to take up your valuable time but I know of no other I would fully trust.

The issue is Communism. Who are we to believe? How can we distinguish the true from the false?

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We are just a couple of the U.S. Millions who work for a living and can't attend Meetings like that being held at Disneyland this week. We'd love to attend but we have to work to eat.

Now the Los Angeles Times is printing a series of articles on the John Birch Society, the culmination of which will be a final article conveying their opinion. The American Legion fights, they say, Communism. But I'm awfully dumb about issues and viewpoints and so many contain innuendos that escape me entirely.

Who can we believe?

For a long time we've watched helplessly, our country slide under too much central control - people are lazy and apathetic - we included. Pretty soon, too, you become suspicious of any and everything, which must be what the communists want.

How can we determine who to follow and believe? We want to remain free and true to our good American Heritage.

Thank you sincerely, for your trouble & time in reading this.

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Laguna Beach, Calif.

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March 6, 1961
Laguna Beach, Calif

Dear Mr. Hoover-

We need advice. It is presumptious to take up your valuable time but I know of no other I would fully trust.

The issue is Communism. Who are we to believe? How can we distinguish the true from the false?

We are just a couple of the U.S. millions who work for a living and can't attend meetings like that being held at Disneyland this week. We'd love to attend but we have to work to eat.

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Now the Los Angeles Times is printing a series of articles on the John Birch Society, the culmination of which will be

a final article conveying their opinion. The American Legion fights, they say, Communism. But I'm awfully dumb about issues and viewpoints and so many contain innuendos that escape me entirely.

Who can we believe?

For a long time we've watched helplessly, our country slide under too much central control - people are lazy and apathetic - we included. Pretty soon, too, you become suspicious of any and everything, which must be what the Communists want.

How can we determine who to follow and believe? We want to remain free and true to our good American Heritage.

Thank you sincerely, for your trouble & time in reading this.

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Mrs. [redacted]

Laguna Beach, Calif.

EX-115

100-384401-769

March 15, 1961

Miss [redacted]
New Dorm-[redacted]
Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of March 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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While certain activities of the United States National Student Association parallel the Communist Party program, our over-all coverage of the Communist Party and its activities and the file reviews conducted concerning United States National Student Association officers show no indication that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the United States National Student Association or has infiltrated the United States National Student Association top echelon. (100-346566-683)

3-8-61

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Due to several controversial issues which have come up on our campus, I am writing as a member of the Maryville College [redacted] to request information about two organizations. We are particularly concerned with any Communist affiliation or infiltration that might be present in the groups and would appreciate reply as soon as is possible. The organizations are these: b6 b7C

1. The United States National Student Association (USNSA)
2. The John Burch Society

Thank you for any information that might be available.

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Sincerely, 62-104401-769

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Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee

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REC-9 EX-114 62-104421-190

March 15, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 6, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was intended to be an easy-to-read primer on communism for students and other Americans who would like to learn something about this evil menace. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of our most effective weapons against communism.

I am sending, under separate cover, several items on the subject of communism which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Sturgeon Bay. Wis.
[redacted]
March 6,1961

J. E. Hoover
Director, F.B.I.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have read many times your book entitled, "Masters of Deceit" and feel like something must be done, due to events that are taking place in this world today. With grave concern I am writing to you for the answer. I have given your book to many to read and offered it to Civic groups, and all agree something more has got to be done. Many A mericans are ready to do all they can and all seem to agree our entire government needs to be cleaned up . We all are eager to know what to do and want to alert and are willing to do our part. But, where do we start? It seems everything, since the last rigged and stolen election, is completely government controlled. We desire to do our part on all levels and keep in very close touch with our Governor's and Congressmen but do they have any powers left to act on this issue. We all wrote to maintain and keep the, House Un-American Activites Commitee. We hope it is retained, and kept a part of our government.

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We would appreciate material on this matter as soon as possible and steps we can take to fight this threat facing the US.A. today. If we know sound measures that can be taken and are informed from the State Department and other departments in government we can act along the right lines in our communities. Many groups, namely one has began in our county The John Birch Group" and they are hard at work to get members to join in their efforts to combat communism. I am skeptical of these groups and refuse to join them, but sincerely I would like information, direct from you as to what information we can secure to work on this important mission. As individuals we are doing a small part but we know if we knew what to do, we could become a strong force in this fight against communism.

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Very Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

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Sturgeon Bay, Wis

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REC-9 62-[illegible]-771

March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Dallas, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated March 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting your contacting this Bureau is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)
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Dallas, Texas
March 6, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Information Department
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

At the present time in certain parts of Texas, an organization called the "John Burke Society" is holding meetings and explaining the growing dangers of communism.

A Mr. Fred Koch in particular, will travel to any part of the country to talk to an aggregate of twenty people. Some of the printed information distributed by this organization contains information such as; that Francis Gary Powers was not shot down in Russia, but landed his plane after being paid by the Russian Government. All of the information that I have read by this organization is very interesting, but still I am rather skeptical about their product.

Would you please give me any unclassified information about this organization so that I might be convinced that they are doing a worthy thing and not duping the public? Also, would you please send me any printed information that your great organization has pertaining to the communist party in the United States.

I hope to hear from you shortly. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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13 MAR 16 1961

CORRESPONDENCE

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 3/16/61

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-

SUBJECT: "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING, (INTERNAL SECURITY),"

Re SAC Letter 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60.

On 3/8/61, Mr. [redacted] State Furniture Distributors, Inc., 810 10th Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico, advised that there are two chapters of The John Birch Society in existence in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Mr. [redacted] identified these chapters as #466 and #532 and indicated there were approximately seven members in each chapter. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] chapter #466 and that one [redacted] Dalton Insurance Agency, 1120 New York Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico [redacted] #532.

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Mr. [redacted] further advised that chapter #465 is located at Roswell, New Mexico, has an approximate membership totaling 10 and that the chapter leader is Mr. [redacted], Roswell, New Mexico. # 465 subject organization

Concerning Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. [redacted] advised there is no specific chapter in existence in Albuquerque, New Mexico but that Mr. [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society with a membership from the home chapter in Massachusetts. According to Mr. [redacted] The John Birch Society chapters in the state of New Mexico are working for the stated objective of the organization which is "Less Government, More Responsibility and a Better World."

The Albuquerque Office has received no indication of any efforts by subversive elements to take over and use the above identified chapters of this society.

Above being furnished for information purposes.

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Date: 3/14/61

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Santa Barbara, California
INFORMATION CONCERNING

REC-61

Remy call to the Bureau today.

SA THOMAS H. THORNTON, Senior Resident Agent, Santa Barbara, California, advised ASAC ALEXANDER this morning that he had been contacted by [redacted], Santa Barbara, phones [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] advised that he had been contacted by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Santa Barbara, California, and had been requested to print 10,000 copies of the poster "What You Can Do To Fight Communism," which poster was put out by the Director. Mr. [redacted] stated that the poster was an entire duplicate of the one put out by the Bureau, however, on the last line under the statement "Patriotism Is Everybody's Job", the Society had requested that it be printed to the effect that these posters were being distributed by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Santa Barbara, California.

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Mr. [redacted] advised SA THORNTON that he did not want to print this reproduction of the Bureau's poster without permission of the Bureau and requested that permission either be granted or denied for printing of this poster.

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In accordance with Bureau instructions, SA THORNTON was advised that he should contact [redacted] and tell him that under no circumstances would permission be given by the Bureau to reprint this poster in the manner as he had been requested

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Special Agent in Charge

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by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Mr. [redacted] was also to be told that the Bureau will interpose a strenuous objection should he print these posters.

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SA THORNTON contacted [redacted] and advised him as above at which time [redacted] stated that if the Bureau would not give permission, he would advise the plant not to print the posters. [redacted] indicated to SA THORNTON that he was going to abide by the decision of the Bureau in regard to the reproduction of this poster.

Any further pertinent developments in this matter, of course, will be brought to the Bureau's attention.

REC-87 62-104401-774

March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Bakersfield, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

3/28/86 Spymac/mre

I have received your letter of March 8, 1961, and the interest which has prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was intended to be an easy-to-read primer on communism for students and other Americans who would like to learn something about this evil menace. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of our most effective weapons against communism.

With respect to the organization you mentioned, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on communism which may be of some assistance to your wife and you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage
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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding correspondent.

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Clare-Brock Agency

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March 8, 1961

VIA AIR MAIL

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In the last six months or so, my wife and I have become cognizant of the Communist menace and have resolved to do something to fight this threat.

In our long somewhat dormant interest in this situation, we have found many other substantial local citizens feeling very much the way we do. The results have been a hodge-podge of meetings, discussions, showing of films, etc. We have felt the need for a more definite organized "track to run on."

Recently though one of our close friends we were invited to attend a local meeting in which it was suggested a local chapter of the John Birch Society might be formed. It was proposed that subject material, organization information, etc., be obtained direct from a central source. We found as we checked the Society, their leader, Mr. Welch has indicated people like Milton and Ike Eisenhower as being communistic. This, along with several items of another nature made us wonder as to what we should do.

Quite frankly, we are confused as to how we can help in this Anti-Communism fight and we appeal to you for suggestions as to how we can best help, and your recommendations as to the John Birch Society and anything else of pertinence.

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March 17, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Mount Morris, Michigan

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

The kind comments in your letter of March 9, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write are appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism

March 9, 1961

Dear Sir:

For many years I have admired the splendid work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have read most of your books and speeches. I have followed those concerning Communism with special interest. I am so interested that I would like to fight against Communism to, in the ways that are available to me. Before proceeding I would like your advice on a certian matter.

I know you have most certainly heard of the John Birch Society. I have been thinking of joining this group in the near future, in the hopes of a well directed fight.

I have heard many good things about this group. But I have also heard some bad. It is almost impossible to sort out the truth in situations of this type,and I want to be careful. I don't want to do more harm than good.

If you could give me your opinion in this matter I would be very grateful,as I know I could rely on your judgment.Thank You.

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Artesia, New Mexico

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Artesia, New Mexico
March 9, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Since reading your most informative book, Masters of Deceit, a group of my immediate friends meet weekly to discuss it and just what we can do to get more people aware of the present threat of the communist conspiracy.

I have received some literature from The John Birch Society, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and have since purchased from them and read their Blue Book and The Life of John Birch. They seem to be working toward the stamping out of this internal communist threat through small chapters in numerous states under the leadership of Robert Welch.

My group and I were on the verge of joining this John Birch Society when Time, March 10, 1961, pages 21-22, printed a slanted, but nonetheless derogatory, article about the John Birch Society and about its "dictatorial" leadership by Robert Welch.

Of course, I can see that this article does nothing but try to degrade this organization, but I am definitely concerned and alarmed at their 'quoted' implications concerning the content of Welch's book, The Politician. I have never heard of this book.

Consequently, I would appreciate any information concerning the John Birch Society, Inc. that you have available for public consumption.

Thank you. I shall be anxiously awaiting your reply.

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Sincerely, 62-104401-776

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EX-114

March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

3/28/96 SPMacMike

Your letter of March 6, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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We have had other recent citizens' inquiries concerning the Great Decisions meetings affiliated with the Foreign Policy Association. This group, with headquarters in New York City, is well known to the Bureau, but we have not investigated it. Its purpose allegedly is to carry on research to aid an understanding of the foreign policies of the United States and to encourage local groups to discuss foreign policies. Vera Micheles Dean, born in Russia, is allegedly the leading policy-making official of FPA and is reportedly pro-Russian and an apologist for the Soviet Union. (100-371054 and 62-68549).

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[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas
March 6, 1961.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Will you please forward me any literature or pamphlets available on combating Communism, what to look for, and how to fight it.

John

I've enclosed a startling article from tonites newspaper concerning the Birch Society, and wonder if you have any information concerning this society or Robert Welch, and the basis for their goals as set forth in their "blue book".

Also, who's behind this Great Decisions group.

Anything you have available in the way of pamphlets or suggestions will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

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Sincerely,

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3/20/61 Mr. Mohr

CORRESPONDENCE

Birch Society Denies Commie List

By THOMAS THOMPSON
and DON BOYETT

An Amarillo official of the John Birch Society today denied any connection between that organization and an alleged list of at least five Amarillo men accused of being Communists or leaning toward communism.

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William L. (Jerry) Lee, volunteer co-ordinator for the society, told The Globe-Times if such a list of alleged fellow travelers does exist, it is not a product of the John Birch Society. "And as far as I know none of our people had anything to do with it," he added.

"As far as I know there are no Communists in Amarillo," the retired commander of Amarillo Air Force Base said, though he did add that some people in Amarillo may be unknowingly used as dupes of communism.

The rumored list includes the names of two ministers, a candidate for the City Commission, an attorney and a City of Amarillo department head. Some of the men on the list say they have been told that such a list exists and that their names are on it, though none have seen it.

Gen. Lee blamed the rumor on possible Communist tactics. "The Communists would like nothing better than for us to be divided and fighting among ourselves," he said.

The rumored list climaxes several weeks of edginess built up here by clashes between John Birch members and others who consider the society is too extreme in its method of fighting communism. A few crises have built up in Amarillo churches over the issues and some ministers fear serious splits will develop in their churches.

Gen. Lee says friction in the churches is caused by the ministers defending the National Council of Churches, which he says is Communist infiltrated. "We have documented proof that the National Council has been infiltrated by Communists," he said, "and some of these ministers just won't listen to us.

"Until we can convince them that the National Council has some Communist followers in it there is going to be some friction," he added.

The retired general said that not long ago he had been accused of calling a minister here a Communist. He said that this is a false accusation.

"Preachers don't become Communists; Communists become preachers," he said.

He went on to say that singling out prominent local people could be the handiwork of "fellow travelers. That's a prime technique of the Communists."

The John Birch Society is a nationwide organization dedicated to fighting the spread of communism. It was started in 1958 by a Boston candy maker, Robert Welch, who is the self-appointed head of the organization. International headquarters of the society are at Belmont, Mass.

The first chapter was organized here last August by Lee, who had been a member of the home chapter at Belmont. Since his retirement from the Air Force Gen. Lee has dedicated his life to the fight against communism and has selected the John Birch Society as his primary vehicle in that fight.

Lee estimates there are now some 16 chapters in Amarillo, each with from 12 to 20 members. Many other chapters are located in other Panhandle and South Plains cities and he figures there are as many as 60 chapters in Houston alone.

Lee says the main credo of the organization is "less government, more individual responsibility and a better world."

In contacts with the public, he said, the members speak only as individuals and never sign their name in letters as members of the John Birch Society. Members of the chapters band together to study the spread of communism and the workings of their own government.

Most of their activities consist of writing letters to editors, as well as to congressmen and senators concerning national issues. One goal of the society as set forth in its "Blue Book" is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, a point referred to in many letters to the editor here.

Members of the Birch Society were instrumental in asking the Amarillo City Commission recently to ban a "Great Decisions" discussion series from being held at Mary E. Bivins Memorial Library.

Citing a booklet prepared by an American Legion Post in Atlanta, Ga., the opponents of the program contended it was left-inspired.

The discussion series is sponsored in a number of U. S. public libraries by the 42-year-old Foreign Policy Association, an educational institution supported by foundation grants, individuals and subscriptions, and claiming endorsements of President Kennedy, former Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, former Vice President Richard Nixon and all former American presidents to Woodrow Wilson.

The city commission refused to bar the discussion series from the library.

Lee said most of the Birch Society members are people who have only recently become aware of the spread of communism and must be educated to the fact.

The society also has fostered a large number of splinter groups here, which possibly include even more members. Most of these groups were started after some people attended John Birch Society meetings, but felt the authoritarian type organization was not the answer.

Many of these groups are now conducting their own study courses for informative purposes, but are not tied to any formal organization.

The bulk of John Birch Society membership here is composed of doctors, dentists, insurance men and realtors, though by all means not all in these professions and businesses subscribe to the movement. Few if any attorneys are members.

Lee spends most of his time making speeches against communism and showing the John Birch Society - information film. This film is a speech by Robert Welch which gives the background of the organization, along with a ranging history on the spread of communism over the

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WILLIAM L. LEE

ROAD PROJECTS SET

Bids Sought On Overpass

Bids were called Saturday by the Texas Highway Department on two projects of importance to the Amarillo area, including the overpass to link North and South Taylor in the expressway dispersal system through downtown Amarillo.

The bids on a total of 79.8 miles of road and highway improvements will be opened and contracts awarded March 17-18.

The overpass work includes construction of the structure over Fort Worth & Denver and Rock Island tracks and building approaches and frontage roads. The overpass is one of two to be constructed in the expressway system. The other span will link North and South Pierce.

The other project of Amarillo area interest involves extending the four-lane, divided portion of U. S. Highways 87-287 south from .03 miles north of the Moore County line to 7.1 miles south of the line into Potter County. The modernization of the highway has already been completed from Dumas south to the point .03 miles north of the Moore County line.

Eventually, the highway between Amarillo and Dumas will be entirely of four-lane, divided character.

The Panhandle improvements are part of 1,727 farm road and 966 miles of U. S. and state highway work called for in the bids, which are estimated to total $26.8 million.

Other Panhandle projects include:

CASTRO—U.S. 385 from Texas 36 in Dimmitt to north county line, 34.5 miles seal coat.

LAMB and BAILEY — Farm 303 and 298, Sudan to Farm 54 and .5 mile west of Baileyboro, east to Circleback; 21 miles, rebuild grade and surface.

HARDEMAN — Texas 283 and Farm 2840 Quanah to Red River and Texas 283 in Quanah; 11 miles grading and surfacing.

GRAY—Ranch 1321 east of Lefors; 6 miles grading and surfacing.

The Castro and Potter bids have been called for March 17, with bids on the Lamb-Bailey, Hardeman, Gray and Potter-Moore projects on March 18.

CONGOLESE ROUT U.N. FROM PORT

Sudanese Troops Slain

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo, March 6 (AP) — Weary U.N. troops laid down their arms and withdrew from the key Congo port of Matadi after 24 hours of bitter street fighting with Congolese soldiers, a U.N. spokesman reported today.

Negotiations are going on with the Congolese government to get a U.N. garrison back into the [illegible]

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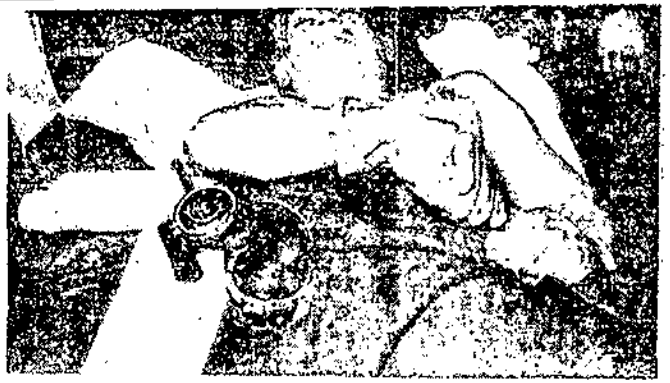

—Globe-Times Staff Photo

Slightly Waterlogged

Out of the drink after 102 hours, 37 minutes and 40 seconds is Bill McFarland, Amarillo skindiver who claims a new world record for remaining submerged. In spite of his washed-out appearance, McFarland was in good condition when his marathon underwater stay ended Sunday at 10:59 p.m. (See Page 15).

Midwest Hit By Tornadoes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A rash of tornadoes stabbed into parts of the Midwest today killing four persons, injuring several others and causing extensive damage.

Rain, snow and fog plagued widespread areas of the midcontinent.

A small tornado spun into a rural community near Stanton, Tenn., killing an 8-month-old child and two adults. All were Negroes. Their houses were badly damaged.

Another tornado hit in Kokomo, Ind. Mayme Mansfield, 69, was killed when the winds demolished a transportation truck terminal and sent a motor unit crashing into her house.

Another Indiana storm toppled eight big smokestacks at Austin, in the southern part of the state.

A half dozen persons were injured in the Indiana storms, requiring hospital treatment.

Small tornadoes hit in southern Illinois and Indiana, but only two injuries were reported.

One twister cut a destructive path through Litchfield, in South-eastern Illinois damaging several buildings.

A woman resident of a Litchfield housing project was cut by flying glass and a man suffered bruises when the trailer home he was hurled 50 feet through the air.

A tornado caused heavy wind damage at Jerseyville.

High winds smashed a concrete service station in Effingham, Ill., and tore down a theater screen in the area.

The winds caused widespread damage to other buildings, trees and utility lines.

The twisters were the second to hit Illinois in less than two days. A tornado ripped into Chicago's South Side late Saturday killing

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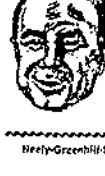

MAD THAD Says:

You can't object to a hand picked candidate — if you get to do the picking.

Neely-Greenhill-Lowndes Insurance.

Police Class Blood Donors

The entire membership of the Amarillo Police Department's Class 61-J, Training Division, today volunteered to donate blood for Mrs. Mae Marcum who is to undergo open heart surgery in Dallas.

Addition of the 24 men to the list of donors has assured Mrs. Marcum of sufficient blood for the operation to be performed in Dallas. Other volunteers bring the total to 48 available for donations.

The heart surgery will repair heart valves damaged as a result of Mrs. Marcum's bout with two cases of rheumatic fever. She first was stricken when she was seven years old and had another attack in 1954.

Students of the police school volunteering included John C. Bacon, Lewis A. Bevers, Ralph E. Bolstad, Lance O. Brewer, Tommy H. Cannon, Michael E. Cullen, Fredrick K. Ferguson, Richard A. Garratt, Benjamin L. Gerald D. Jackson, Burl F. Johnson, James M. Layman, Richard D. Mathis, Richard W. Meador, Lee A. Mitchell, James S. Mondloch, Laurence G. Russell, Fran-

(See POLICE CLASS—Page 2)

United Nations is empowered to use force as a last resort, the spokesman said.

Two Sudanese U.N. soldiers — of the 130-man garrison — are known to have been killed in the battle, which raged throughout Saturday and until noon Sunday, thirteen other Sudanese were wounded and 12 still are missing.

A Canadian signal captain also is missing and the U.N. spokesman said there are grave fears for his safety.

Matadi is the Congo's principal supply port and without control there, the U.N. supply operation could be gravely endangered.

Trouble blew up in the hillside town 60 miles up the Congo River when Congolese units erected road blocks to impede the movement of U.N. personnel. Two helicopters also were seized as they touched down at nearby Boma. That was on Friday.

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Next day, the Congolese tried to dislodge an 11-man guard of U.N. Sudanese troops which had been thrown around a hillside villa used as a communications center by a Canadian signal unit.

The Congolese opened up with 37mm. antitank guns, killing a Sudanese and wrecking the post.

A Canadian captain who went out to parley with the attacking Congolese was not seen again.

Vastly outnumbered and with their ammunition running low, the Canadian signal post and its Sudanese guards surrendered Saturday evening.

Elsewhere in the town, fighting went on until noon Sunday.

More than 1,000 Congolese troops, armed with machine guns, mortars and antitank artillery, were ranged against the U.N. Sudanese garrison.

(The Congo situation led the United States today to cancel a Navy goodwill visit by a five-ship task force to Capetown, South Africa. The vessels were directed to sail back to the Congo area.)

(Canadian army officials in Ot-

(See CONGO—Page 2)

'Bellringers' March Tonight

Door-to-door solicitation for funds to support the fight against mental illness will begin at 6 p.m. today as 1,500 volunteers participate in a "Bellringer's March."

The three-hour march will be conducted by members of the Amarillo Society for Mental Health. "Bellringers" will wear tags displaying the sign of a ringing bell, symbol of a real bell cast in 1953 of shackles formerly used to bind mental patients.

Amarillo's goal is $15,000. The national goal is $10 million. During the first 10 months of 1960 there were 73 persons committed to the State Hospital in Wichita Falls through the Potter County Court.

Heading the Amarillo march are chairman Mrs. Dick Cline, Mrs. P. R. Nicols and Fenton Farwell.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy says the Peace Corps he has proposed may serve on the home front as well as abroad.

"One of the matters which we are now studying," Kennedy said, "is how we could use Americans who desire to serve in our own country—slum areas, in education retraining and all the rest.

"We are now attempting to see how we can use this reservoir of talent and desire here in our own country as well as abroad."

The President's comments were recorded at the White House during a television discussion with Eleanor Roosevelt. The program was televised Sunday.

Overseas reaction to the peace corps idea varied. In many regions with low living standards there was pleasure at the President's proposal.

Mrs. Roosevelt suggested during the discussion that some corps members might work in depressed areas in the United States. "That's right," Kennedy replied.

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R. Sargent Shriver, the President's brother-in-law who was appointed director of the Peace Corps Saturday, also appeared on the TV program. He said proposals to have Peace Corps members work in settlement houses as part of their training for overseas service was being discussed.

Other corps officials said no decision had been made on the suggestion, one of many being considered.

Shriver said he wanted every American who desires to serve in the corps to have a chance to volunteer. Kennedy has said he hopes to have 500 to 1,000 young men and women in service around the world by the end of the year.

Mrs. Roosevelt called the response to the Peace Corps idea phenomenal.

Kennedy said the response was overwhelming. He added, "I think that we have really thousands and hundreds of thousands of people in this country who want a chance to be of service to the country and to the causes with

(See PEACE CORPS—Page 2)

$5 PRIZE

Newstip on Tar Baby Is Winner

Mrs. Wanda Gale Wilson, 3601 Hayden, had a real tar baby on her hands Thursday afternoon when her small daughter became smeared with the sticky stuff. Doctor and firemen couldn't succeed at the clean-up jobs. Mrs. Wilson will receive a check for $5 as first place award in the weekly newstip contest conducted by the Globe-News Publishing Co.

Mrs. C. M. Abernathy, 1423 Frigg, received an unusual dime in change last week. The coin was an overprint, 1942 over 1941, from the Philadelphia mint. Her husband reported the find and will receive a check for $3 as second prize.

Many calls were received in the newsroom concerning the eclipse of the moon Thursday morning, but the first call came from Hugh Force, 1501 S. Beverley. He is awarded third prize of $2.

Others calling with tips during the week were Billy Sampson, 2320 Victoria; Larry Carroll, 1610 Bowie; Mrs. Jeanne Timmons, 108-B St. Francis; Miss Leela Thompson, 2400 Walnut; James Shaw, 310-A W. 3rd; Pinckard, 1613 Mustang; W. D. Daniel, 2010 Austin; Joe Carlile, 1909 Washington; Mrs. James E. Anderson, 4910 Plains; Mrs. Paul Horn, 2234 Hawthorne; Virginia Mote, 3325 Julian, Apt. 129.

EVERETT H. PIXLEY

VIRGIL PATTERSON

Two Elected By Shamrock

Two new directors of Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation were elected at the annual meeting of stockholders in the First National Bank Building Annex today. The election of Everett H. Pixley of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Virgil P. Patterson of Amarillo increases the board to nine members.

Shamrock directors re-elected at today's meeting were J. Harold Dunn, C. A. Cash, Roy C. Johnson, Ralph S. Euler, James A. Lyles, R. G. Morrison, and Ross D. Rogers.

Both new directors are bankers, Pixley being senior vice president of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and Patterson being president of the First National Bank of Amarillo.

Patterson is a native Texan, born in Taylor, and a 1928 graduate of Southern Methodist University. His long banking career includes seven years as a national bank examiner and a period as vice president of the American National Bank of Austin. He was elected president of the Amarillo bank in 1943. He is also a director of the bank and a member of the board of the Emerald Corporation in Amarillo.

Patterson is active in civic affairs and a strong booster of Boys Ranch, serving as a director of that organization. He is an avid baseball fan.

Pixley was born in Allendale, Ill., and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1921. From 1923 to 1936 he served as resident manager in the bank relations department of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Pittsburgh. He was associated with the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh from 1936 until 1946, when he became vice president of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company. He became its senior vice president in 1960.

Pixley is a director of the Glenn L. Martin Company and has been a director of the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Red Cross since 1946. He is a member of the Association of Reserve City Bankers, Phi Delta Theta, and the Christian Church.

Liz Taylor Gravely Ill

LONDON, March 6 (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor, gravely ill with pneumonia, has developed anemia and is being given blood transfusions, her doctors reported tonight.

Dr. Carl Heinz Goldman, one of the actress' six - man medical team, said:

"We are a little worried about her today. Her blood is not very good. She is becoming anemic and we are giving her blood transfusions."

Goldman said in an interview the 29-year - old star is "still gravely ill."

He declined to elaborate further on her condition, and said a bulletin will be issued at 4 p.m. EST.

The movie actress spent a restless day — with a tube inserted in her throat to aid breathing. Earlier reports said she had displayed some improvement after a restless night.

THE WEATHER

AMARILLO AND VICINITY: Considerable cloudiness today and tonight becoming partly cloudy Tuesday. Cooler daytime temperatures. High today 60, low tonight 35, high Tuesday 60, low Sunday 78, high Sunday 68, Rainfall past 24 hours, trace.

NORTHWEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy and a little cooler most sections today. Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer east and a chance for a few showers northern portion tonight. Decreasing cloudiness and cooler Tuesday. Highs today 56 north to 75 southeast. Lows tonight 35 north to 55 south.

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO: Considerable cloudiness today and tonight with occasional light snow mountain areas and a few showers lower elevations. Gusty winds this afternoon. Tuesday partly cloudy and a little warmer. Highs today 25-35, lows tonight 20-29.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST: Temperatures will average 2 to 5 degrees below normal. Cooler early part of week, warmer mid-week and cooler last of week. Little or no precipitation.

SUNSET: 6:40 • SUNRISE 7:09

Recommended Reading

- JOB OUTLOOK draws divided reaction—Page 3.
- LINCOLN HAD no appeasement for South—Page 10.
- MICHELANGELO in demand by kings—Page 16.
- BOREDOM MARKS life on Guantanamo—Page 17.
- OHIO STATE MAY be ripe for an upset—Page 19.
- WHAT IS EDUCATION? Editorial on Page 22.
- RADIO AND TV logs on Page 25.
- INDUSTRIAL development of city studied—Page 30.

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March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
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Santa Monica, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage
One Nation's Response to Communism

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Bufiles reflect that Stanley Mosk has been associated with five organizations cited by the Attorney General. "I Saw Poland Betrayed" is a book written by Bliss Lane, the former Ambassador to Poland from 1944 to 1947. The Bureau has not reviewed this book. "Russia's Race for Asia" is a book which the Bureau has obtained copies of, although we have not reviewed it. The "National Guardian" is the subject of a current Bureau security investigation. It is described in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" as being a propaganda organ of Soviet Russia.

As reference to "Masters of Deceit" was only in passing, material is not being sent under separate cover.

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March 4, 1961

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Weare urgently in need of good advice. Like so many patriotic Americans these days, my wife and I are confused.

For many years we have been aware of the true nature of the international communist conspiracy. During the 1930's I read some of the socialist and communist classics, consequently I thought it was a mistake in '33 when our nation recognized the Soviet. In recent years we have been increasingly more alarmed, as a result of our own Government aiding and abetting the spread of the "cancer", close to our own shores in Cuba.

Consequently, when recently we first heard of the John Birch Society and it's program, we became very interested, read all the literature, saw the films, and decided to start a local chapter made up of fifteen or so of our more conservative friends and neighbors. All of us are loyal, patriotic, Christian Americans who desire nothing more than the destruction of tyranny and despotism, from whatever direction, and a rebirth and reeducation to the basic old American precepts and principles.

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Lately the Birch Society has been undergoing a violent smear attack from much of the press in Southern California, with even some of the alleged conservative papers joining the act. As a result of all this pressure and criticism some of our

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members are now wavering and are beginning to wonder if maybe they have been duped into joining a questionable organization. The writer doesn' t feel this way, but after much of the publicity given to Welch's remarks about our former President, you can see the cause for concern. When our esteemed,A.D.A., California attorney general, Stanley Mosk, says that the Birch Society is subversive, I am naturally inclined to think the opposite.

Next on my reading list is"Masters of Deceit". I have just finished "I Saw Poland Betrayed" and "Russia's Race for Asia". We subscribe to " Human Events", " The Dan Smoot Report", and "National Review". To keep abreast of the party line we subscribe to "National Guardian", and back in the'40s we subscribed to "The Daily Worker" for the same reasons.

We love our country, wish to conserve it, and will fight bitterly anyone trying to subvert or destroy it. Please tell us, Mr. Hoover, are we on the right track in joining The Birch Society?

Sincerely

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March 16, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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West Palm Beach, Florida

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 7, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. In view of your interest, I am enclosing material on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

I want you to know that your kind expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI is deeply appreciated. In this connection, I thought you might also like to know that there is no truth to the rumor that I am thinking of retiring. My only desire is to continue in my present capacity as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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W. Palm Beach, Fla.
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J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of F.B.I
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

Kindly inform me if the John Birch Society is a communist organization. I have seen some of the literature that they send out and am in doubt as to whether to believe it or not.

I trust you will continue to head the FBI as long as you possibly can do so.

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Yours sincerely,

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March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Big Timber, Montana

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Big Timber, Mont.
March 7, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send me any information you may have on the John Birch Society Incorporated

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Big Timber

Box 777 Montana

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March 16, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 9, 1961, has been received, and I do appreciate the concern which prompted your inquiry.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing several items which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
17th Nat'l Convention CP USA
Series from Christianity Today
One Nation's Response To Communism

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

March 9, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society is becoming quite active in our area and I feel confident that you and your organization are well acquainted with its activities. I have been invited to join it and have listened to and viewed a speech on film by the founder and self appointed leader, Mr. Robert Welch.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire of you in regards to the background, sincerity and capabilities in the capacity he assumes, of Mr. Welch and as to your opinion of the activities of this society.

Most Sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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March 17, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

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Bozeman, Montana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Intro.
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
One Nation's Response To Communism

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The Manion Forum is a network radio program which could be considered controversial in that a variety of speakers are presented. Clarence E. Manion is former Dean of Law at

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Norte Dame University, and we have had some cordial correspondence with him.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the president to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

March 8, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Can you set aright a confused AMERICAN? I hope so.

On March 5, 1961 I heard the Manion Forum on which it was reported that the John Birch Society was perhaps the best anti-communist organization in this country.

Prior to the above mentioned date I also heard Dan Smot, from Texas, give, in two parts, the reasons why he thought Chief Justice Earl Warren should be impeached.

Now I read in the March 10, issue of Time magazine that the John Birch Society is behind Dan Smot's proposal and that this organization is not what it is purported to be.

So you see I am rather confused, and, as a student of Law I would like to do my part in helping to stamp out this breed of tyranny called communism, but first I must know which organization is truly anti-communist, if indeed any of them are.

Thank you in advance for any and all information you may be able to supply concerning this matter.

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AN AMERICAN

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Bozeman, Montana

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March 16, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Canoga Park, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 7, 1961, has been received, and I do appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

As an investigative agency of the Federal Government the FBI does not furnish evaluations or comments with respect to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you regarding the subjects of your inquiry and I hope that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to these matters.

In view of your interest in combating the communist menace, I am enclosing several items which you may like to read. This material is available for general distribution by the FBI, and additional copies may be obtained in reasonable quantities upon your request.

Thank you for your prayerful good wishes and your kind expressions of support for the work done by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th Nat'l Convention, CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Intro.
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J. Edgar Hoover,
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

3-7-61

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of The John Birch Society. I would very much appreciate your opinion of the Society, its founder Robert Welch and his monthly publication, American Opinion.

I want to fight Communism and from what I've been led to believe I think I'm in the right organization.

I assure you that your answer will be kept in strict confidence.

God bless you and please accept my thanks for a job well done in the service of our country.

Very truly yours,

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Canoga Park, Calif.

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March 20, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Cucamonga, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated March 7, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtful message.

The FBI does not have a mailing list for the dissemination of material on the subject of communism; however, it is a pleasure to enclose publications currently available for distribution along such lines.

With reference to your other inquiry, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigating agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the group you named.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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March 7, 1961

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FBI
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am contemplating joining an organization called "The John Birch Society". Please give me your opinion of this organization.

Also please send me the latest information published by the FBI concerning communism, or put my name on a mailing list so I may receive information regularely concerning communism.

Thank you,

/s/ [redacted]

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P.S. Keep up the good work.

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Thank you

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P.S. Keep up the good work.

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March 15, 1961

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Saint Paul Methodist Church
4317 Wolflin Avenue
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

3/28/61 Appreciative

Your letter dated March 8, 1961, has been received.

The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations and comments. Enclosed is material on the general subject of communism available for distribution by the FBI. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired. I hope that the publications being forwarded will give you and your parishioners suggestions as to how you can take effective action in protecting our American way of life.

I am glad to know of your wish to combat the growing menace of communism. A well-informed citizenry is essential to the preservation of a free society as we know it today. I would like to emphasize, however, my own strong belief in the great importance of having sound knowledge of the exact nature and character of this threat.

Lack of full knowledge is dangerous in that it is responsible for the reprehensible and indiscriminate labeling as communist those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. When fully cognizant that communist influence threatens, on the other hand, I hope you will not hesitate to voice your convictions with courage.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Series from "Christianity Today"
Communist Illusion & Decomratic Reality

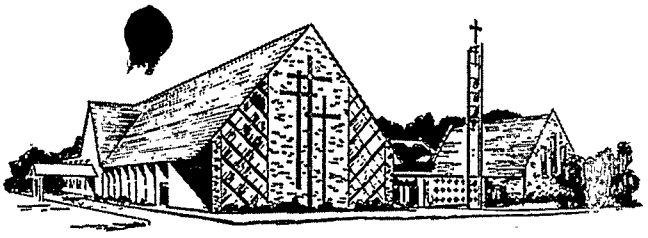
NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles, nor is the General William Lee described. It will be noted, however, that this is a very common name and in view of the hundreds of references with build ups of it in Bureau indices, these references were not all checked.

The field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of Robert Welch and his John Birch Society. Welch has strongly criticized the Eisenhower Administration in the past, and once expressed the opinion that he believed a group having the appearance of a communist front organization would be effective in attracting true subversives.

Saint Paul

METHODIST CHURCH

O. A. McBRAYER, Minister



4317 Wolflin Avenue

Amarillo, Texas

March 8,1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 3/28/86 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Amarillo must be a familiar name to you, if all the people have received letters from you who claim too. I,too, am writing to you concerning ourstruggle with communism, but, perhaps in different light from some of the others.

My concern is with the methods and action of groups of our people called "John Birch Society". While most of these are fine people, good citizens with noble motives, some of their judgments are unjust if not liable. My first knowledge ofthe society was in January,when apparently, with stimulus from Welch, they began an attack on some of the church related periodicals. After several groups' examinations, it appeared to be only theological difference instead of "communist infiltration and teachings."

Tensions have built within the community and some churches until one might believe the communist were the winners of "round one" in our city. Smear-gossip has run rampant until it is not safe to speak, teach or even talk with 'friends'. This has been aided by the films of the society as well as "Communism On the Map" and "Operation Abolition" and speeches by a retired Air Force General. At a recent PTA meeting in our Avondale school, Gen. Wm Lee stated that we were not to trust anyone for he might be a communist- not our teachers,the text books, the minister, Sunday School teachers, not our neighbor, not even our mate.

William

Another minister and I met with some of the society leaders of our city last Saturday. Gen. Lee was not present. In the course of the discussions these general ideas were evident: Anyone is a "communist" who- 1) has Socialist political leanings, 2) teaches with Progressive educational methods, 3) has Liberial Theological views, or 4) differs in ideas or practice with members of the society. They also set forth their aims during the discussion as; a) distruction of the National Council of Churches, b) impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, c) distruction of the Supreme Court, d)withdrawal of the US from the UN, e) impeachment or some method of getting rid of the "communist"President Kennedy, and, f) ending integration of racess

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I am worried for fear that this kind of zealot activity and name calling may lay us waste in community and church and thus be taken in by communism. I fear also that the communist could use a "dictator michine" like the Birch Society for its hate program.

Gratefully yours

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MR. J. E. HOOVER:

DEAR SIR,

I hope you do not mind my using the back of your letter, it may serve to connect my answer with my original question.

First, I wish to thank you for the reading matter you sent to me. I have learned much from reading these pieces. I am one who just steped out of 'the dark' and to read these things makes my blood boil. I hope you are being overloaded with letters requesting material on this menace as it is easily seen that this fight will be one of the people rather than government.

Secondly, I felt that you would be unable to give me a direct answer on the position of the John Birch Society and it's founder, Mr. Welch, I wrote just to find out for sure. Since my letter, there has been more than one piece in the news about this group, a great deal of 'mud slinging' from many corners. These things have prompted me to go ahead with my membership in their group; because they must be getting close to something big. There is always a great uproar when anyone starts putting pressure on the Reds or their dupes as per Sen. McCarthy & if they are fighting hard enough to bring it up in Congress, this Society must be on the ball. I hope you agree, off the record.

Thirdly, I was greatly relieved to see your personal reply in the Miami Herald, Letters to the Editor section, stating that you had no idea of resigning your post. I breath a soft, Thank God. One question about this came to mind; why did not your letter receive equal billing with the so called "Tip Off" that you were getting out. In my estimation, the assurance that you are staying should be on page 1, the "Tip Off" rated pg. 2.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Miami 55, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Director

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